THE WEATHER.

Rain today and probably Saturday; variable winds, brisk over notheast.

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INITIAL HEARING MADE YESTERDAY

Marked Opening of Investigation of Numerous Dynamite Explosions.

WHO FURNISHED THE MONEY

Large Sums Were Paid for the Explosions—Check Stubs Brought in the Evidence—Lady Book Keeper Questioned

Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—As a direct lead into the heart of the alleged dynamite conspiracy, District Attorney Charles W. Miller, while the Federal grand jury held its initial hearing in the case today, took up the question as to who furnished the money for purchasing and payment of the expense of carrying about the country the explosives by which more than 100 structures were blown up.

Mrs. Andrew J. Hull, now of Kimball, Neb., who was Miss Edith Hinebrenner, was book keeper for the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and who was familiar with its money receipts and disbursements, was closely questioned by Mr. Miller while into the grand jury room were taken the stubs of check books and accounting records of the association during the five years in which the explosions took place.

It was during a large part of these five years that Ortie E. McManiga., according to his confession, did dynamiting for John J. McNamara, the convicted secretary-treasurer, and often in company with James B. McNamara.

An important feature o. McManigal's confession attracted attention in connection with Mrs. Hall's visit to the District Attorney's office. This was the admission by McManigal that he usually received about $200 for each "job" and that when he complained that part of the money was being held back from him, James B. McNamara had admitted seeing the stub for the check and had said John J. would ax it up."

Most of the jury's attention today was taken up with an outlining by District Attorney Miller of what the investigation was to be, how far it was to go, and the number and character of the witnesses to be called. The identity of the few witnesses called today was kept in strict secrecy by deputy marshals, and outsiders were not permitted in the corridors near the grand jury rooms.

Mrs. Hull's appearance at the Federal building followed that of H. S. Hockin, acting secretary of the Iron Workers' Association, who had been conferring with Frank M. Ryan, the president. Hockin now occupies the position in the union formerly held by John J. McNamara. Police officials of Indianapolis, who were present when records were taken out of the Iron Workers' headquarters, and former stenographers of McNamara, were also present.

McManigal in his confession, told of at least $5,000 having been paid him and said some person other than John J. McNamara did the paying, but after he and James B. McNamara blew up a viaduct in Cleveland on June 22, 1910, he had had a dispute with the man over the amount he was to receive and in consequence "J. J. took the matter in hand himself all the way through."

For the Cleveland job McManigal said he and James B. were paid $100 each.

Referring to an explosion at the Iroquois steel plant at South Chicago, McManigal said he used 80 pounds of dynamite and added "when I went to Indianapolis J. J. McNamara paid me $100 in cash, as that was all the cash he had in the office. I saw him pay J. B. McNamara for the job."

That records were kept of some of the money paid out was indicated in a part of the confession in which McManigal tells of his complaint of the small pay he received before he dealt directly with McNamara. He said he previously had been receiving only $125 each for the jobs, but on a train between Cincinnati and Indianapolis he discussed places that were still to be blown up with J. B. McNamara.

"J. B. told me he had the stubs for the Mount Vernon, Illinois, job and that they were made for $225, while I received only $150. After that J. J. McNamara handled the money," he said.

Among the other items mentioned by McManigal were $200 each for jobs at Greenville, N. J.; McKees Rocks, Pa.; Superior, Wis.; Omaha, Neb.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Hoboken, N. J.; Worcester, Mass., and Milwaukee, Wis.

FOR INCREASING FEDERAL AID

Bills For Aid in Extension of Agricultural Instruction Endorsed

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Page's bill for added Federal aid to agricultural colleges and normal schools, for the extension of instruction in agriculture, trades and industries was endorsed here today at a conference at which were present Senator Fletcher, of Florida, and Hoke Smith, of Georgia; Henry G. Williams, of the National Educational Association, and others. The bill proposed eventually to increase Federal aid to agricultural colleges to about $17,000,000 a year.

BASEBALL SESSIONS CLOSE

Next Meeting of National League Will be Held in February—"Pigeonhole" American League Declaration.

New York, Dec. 14.—The American League's "declaration of war" was pigeonholed for at least two months and probably for all time by the National League today. It was not even seriously considered, President Lynch declared, at the close of the session. None of the magnates could decipher its purport, he said, so they tabled it.

In the final session of the three day meeting, the National League adopted two resolutions today, one calling upon the six States containing cities on the circuit, to make ticket scalping punishable by fine and imprisonment, the other declaring war on baseball pools, and offering $100 reward for the conviction of persons gambling on the game.

The organization vested President Lynch with powers to act for it in dealing with the request of the three principal minor leagues for higher classification. A list of recommendations in this connection was approved. Among them were the following:

That major league clubs not be allowed to play in minor league territory and vice versa, either before or after the playing season; reduction of the drafting season to five days beginning September 15th; drafting of umpires; an amendment requiring the major leagues to increase the salaries of drafted players $50 a month over their minor league salaries; the adoption of salary limits by minor leagues restriction of player limit in all leagues to $25 during the playing season and $35 during the off season; the retention of players in the highest class league in which they are purchased as far as possible; drafting prices of $2,500 in class AA.; $1,250 in Class A.; $1,000 in Class B.; $750 in class C.; and $500 in class D; that players drafted from class AA. must be offered back to class A, at the draft price before being offered to a higher class. While it was recommended that President Lynch vote for these amendments to the National Agreement, the entire situation was left in his hands and Mr. Herrmann's for action at the next meeting of the National Commission.

The league also adopted unanimously a resolution submitted by President Dreyfuss declaring it to be the sense of the gathering that in future world's championship games the contesting clubs be required to turn over 25 per cent, of their shares of the receipts to the treasuries of the two leagues. The resolution advocated an amendment to this effect to the National agreement and provided that a copy of the measure be sent to the American League.

Playing next year will cease on or about October 6th, a week earlier than formerly. The season will open on or about April 11th, a resolution to this effect being unanimously adopted.

Questioned regarding the American League resolution after the meeting President Lynch declared that there was "nothing in it." He added, "We could not make out what it meant."

The only other echo of the world's series tickets scandal was the resolution calling for legislation on ticket scalping. It recited that present laws were inadequate to protect the rights of the public and in addition to calling upon the States to enact legislation making ticket speculation punishable included the club cities in the appeal. The resolution declaring war on gambling recites that organized baseball is determined to keep the National game free from the evil, promises the league's support to any movement with that end in view and concludes:

"The National League will pay a reward of $100 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of using the game of baseball as the basis for making a wager or conducting a pool or any other gambling device whatsoever."

The next meeting of the league will be held in February.

HEAVY ORDERS FOR STEEL

Steel Corporation's Mills Working ..... Near to Full Capacity

New York, Dec. 14.—Officials of the United States Steel Corporation said today that that company's mills as a whole, are working nearer to capacity than at any previous time this year. The company's foreign business, it was added, has grown beyond all expectations.

In proof of the growth of this country's exports of iron and steel, it was pointed out that total exports for October aggregated $20,800,000 as against $17,452,000 in the corresponding month of last year. For the ten months ending October 21st total exports amounted to $205,918,000 as against $164,376,000 in the same period of 1910 and $128,170,000 in 1909.

It is understood that the Steel Corporation and some of the independent manufacturers now have on their books what may properly be called "provisional" orders for enormous quantities of steel rails. The largest of these is said to come from the Pennsylvania system, but practically all of the leading railway companies are preparing to make contracts for the same product. All rumors of an advance in rails are scouted by the trade.

Three Big Pictures.

"Saved From Himself," and "At the Stroke of Twelve," with Mr. Morgan's great song, "Hands Up," the The Grand Theatre today. **

Ladies and Gents.

Solid gold, gold filled and silver watches one of my specialties. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler. de 3-tf.

DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE READY TO WIN

Norman E. Mack Says Constructive Legislation is the Issue.

VICTORY WOULD BE ASSURED

Says Work Was Admirably Begun by Democrats Last Winter—If Maintained Will Insure Democratic Victory.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—"Democracy should be ready to win the next Presidential election on constructive legislation, not on the blunders of the Republican party in Washington," declared Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee at a complimentary banquet tendered him here tonight by the Michigan State Democratic committee. E. O. Wood, of Flint, National committeeman, presided at the banquet.

"If the work so admirably begun in Washington last Winter is carried out on the same progressive lines Democratic victory is assured," continued Mr. Mack.

Consideration of the Sherman anti-trust law has become so widespread that the average business man engaged in a corporate enterprise is not fully aware of just what course he should pursue.

As a Democrat I would like to see some law enacted in Washington that will permit the big business men of the country to go on and do all the big things possible without doing bodily harm to the small business man. That is what must be done. If the Sherman law is not explicit enough, I believe we should have a law that means just what it says in order that the business men of our nation may know just exactly what they will have to do without going to the attorney general of the United States before embarking in any big business enterprise.

"We find ourselves in the latter condition today. The corporal offense complained of is but the outgrowth of the fostering and the encouragement of special tariff privileges granted by each succeeding Republican administration and the chief feature of the tariff offense lies in the administration's repudiation of its campaign pledge of 1908 for a tariff revision."

THE WAR IN CHINA.

Revolution Fever Has Crossed the Border Provinces.

Straits Settlements, Dec. 14.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese reformer, and Gen. Homer Lea, the American, who, it was alleged, is to take charge of the military government in China, landed here today. Dr. Sun Yat Sen declined to grant an interview, preferring to reserve his judgment on the situation in China and not desiring to commit himself to a definite policy until he was in full possession of the facts and acquainted with the intentions and views of the reformers.

Calcutta, Dec. 14.—The revolutionary fever in China has crossed the border provinces and is spreading in Tibet. The rebels have driven out of the town of Shera the Chinese garrisoned there.

The Chinese Imperial troops made a stand at Gyangze, a walled and fortified town on the trade route between Darjiling and Lhaza, the capital, but were defeated by the Tibetans.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—For 15 years an exile from his native land, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who probably will be chosen president of the new Republic, will arrive at Canton tomorrow. Advices received today by the Chung Sai Yat Po say that Canton is preparing to give Dr. Sun a remarkable welcome. A holiday has been proclaimed and the day will be given up to celebration.

From Canton Dr. Sun will proceed to Shanghai, where a peace conference is in progress.

JURY FOR PACKERS.

Five More Men Needed Before Testimony Begins.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—With seven jurors tentatively agreed on by counsel for the government and defendants in the trial of the 10 packers for alleged violation of the criminal portion of the Sherman anti-trust law, both sides were ready to put forth their best efforts to find five more men who would complete the jury.

It was expected the packers' lawyers would turn back to the government before the end of the morning session another full panel for examination.

Questions asked the prospective jurors thus far have disclosed the fact that the farmer is a closer reader of newspapers than others.

New York, Dec. 14.—Captain Israel J. Merritt, head of the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company, died today after an operation on his stomach, aged 82 years. He was regarded as one of the best authorities on raising of wrecked vessels in the country. One of his famous wrecking feats was saving the French steamer Amerique which went ashore in 1877 at Ashbury Park, N. J. The Navy Department found use for his services during both the Civil and Spanish-American wars.

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HOW TRUSTS ACQUIRE CONTROL

Louis D. Brandeis Before Interstate Commerce Commission—Says LaFollette Bill Will Strengthen Sherman Law.

Washington, Dec. 14.—That there is no such thing as a natural monopoly in industry, was the declaration of Louis D. Brandeis, the Boston lawyer and anti-trust champion, who today appeared before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce in advocacy of Senator LaFollette's bill designed to supplement the Sherman law. He declared also that if the law prohibiting the practices through which existing great combines grew up is clearly defined and enforced, no trusts will arise in future.

"Supporters of the LaFollette bill," he said, "believe in competition in industry on economic, social and political grounds. They agree that only one reasonable restrain of trade should be prohibited. But they believe the law is inadequate, difficult of application, and unsatisfactory in its remedy. They propose to let the law remain, but to supplement it with provisions remedying these defects.

Again stating that there are no natural monopolies in industry, Mr. Brandeis said "even the oil trust got control by ruthless and unconscienceable violations of law, by criminal rebating, bribery and corruption, which brought it wealth with which to destroy competitors by price-cutting and like practices. The steel trust acquired control, not through greater efficiency, but by buying plants and ore supplies at fabulous prices. Not one industrial monopoly is a natural growth."

Mr. Brandeis mentioned the tobacco, shoe machinery and sleeping car combines as other "trusts" that had been able to fix prices as a result of acquired monopolistic positions.

Mr. Brandeis declared that competition, like liberty, should be regulated lest it lead to monopoly as unrestrained liberty leads to oligarchy. He said he favored the strengthening of the Sherman law by the adoption of the LaFollette bill and its amendments recently introduced in the Senate.

The United States Steel Corporation came in for criticism. Mr. Brandeis declared its action in "paying Andrew Carnegie three times the value of his plant" merely amounted to a bribe to get Mr. Carnegie out of the steel business.

As an example of a trust which had been organized with admirable principles and had grown to a monopoly, Mr. Brandeis pointed to the United Shoe Machinery Company, against which the government is now proceeding with both civil and criminal actions.

Mr. Brandeis referred to the speech of Senator Cummins in the Senate yesterday asking that independent tobacco dealers be permitted to appeal to the Supreme Court from the dissolution plan under which the "trust" is now proceeding and declared that should the present decision stand the future effect of the law would be "what man has illegally founded, let no court put asunder."

Mr. Brandeis will continue on the stand tomorrow.

VETERAN EX-CONGRESSMAN.

Only Surviving Member of 13th Congress Visits Capitol.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Lyndham Ancona, the only remaining member of the 13th Congress, was paid an unusual honor in the House today. Against cheers from both sides of the House the body took a recess of ten minutes to permit a public reception for Mr. Ancona in front of the Speaker's desk. Every representative in the House filed past the white haired veteran and shook his hand.

Mr. Ancona was introduced to the House by John H. Rothermel, now the occupant of the seat formerly held by Mr. Ancona as representative of the 13th Pennsylvania district.

HUMAN BLOOD ON CLOTHES.

Expected Demonstration Doesn't Materialize at Inquest.

Charlotte, Dec. 14.—The expected demonstration today at Shelby against the negroes, John Ross and Hack Ross, held for the murder yesterday of John Dixon, a farmer of Cleveland county, and his wife, failed to develop when the coroner's jury hearing was continued until Friday.

A careful examination is being made to determine if the blood on one of the negro's clothing is human.

OUTLINES.

The second hearing of Dr. Clark Hyde at Kansas City for murder ended yesterday in a mistrial. The date of a third trial has been set.——Five other arrests have been made at Fort Riley, the parties being charged with implication in the explosions which destroyed thousands of dollars worth of government property. Rev. Brewer, arrested as a party in the explosions, denies all——The trial of the two show girls for shooting W. E. D. Stokes, the New York millionaire, is nearing an end and the jury probably retired for a decision last night. Stokes is very ill from a serious operation——The sessions of the National Baseball League in New York closed yesterday. The league will hold its next meeting in February——The initial hearing in the investigations of the numerous dynamite explosions, in which the two McNamaras were implicated, was held at Indianapolis yesterday.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 3 1-2 to 4 per cent., ruling rate 4, closing bid 3 1-4, offered at 3 1-2. Flour quiet, and about steady. Wheat quiet, No. 2 red 95 3-8 elevator export basis, and 97 1-8 f.o.b. afloat. Corn dull, export, new, 69 f.o.b. afloat. Rosin, steady. Turpentine, easy. Spot cotton, quiet.

OTHERS ARRESTED FOR EXPLOSIONS

Arrest of Five Privates Made Yesterday at Fort Riley.

MISISTER DENIES CHARGES

Says He Doesn't Know Parties With Whom He is Accused of Being Associated With in the Explosion.

Junction City, Kan., Dec. 14.—Five privates of E. battery, sixth field artillery were arrested at Fort Riley this afternoon in connection with recent dynamite explosions at the fort which entailed property losses of half a million dollars to the government.

Baptist Minister Shocked.

Altas, Okla., Dec. 14.—The Rev. Charles M. Brewer, former United States army chaplain, accused of complicity in a series of dynamite explosions at Fort Riley, Kan., declares the accusations so far as he is concerned are "absolutely absurd." Mr. Brewer, who was arrested at his home in Olustee, Okla., yesterday following the confession of Private Michael Quirk, at Fort Riley is being detained here awaiting the arrival of a Federal officer who will take him to Kansas.

"I shall have no trouble in proving an alibi," declared the minister. "I don't know Private Michael Quirk and never heard of him before this matter came up, but it is possible I might recognize the man should I see him, as one of the many soldiers with whom I mingled in my capacity as chaplain. Nor do I know Miss Anna Jordan, of Kansas City. I never heard of her before. To me the accusation came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky."

The names of four of the privates arrested are: Heckmore Johnson, Don Northrup, Grigham Young and Dory Shaw. The fifth man's name could not be ascertained.

There was an atmosphere of suppressed excitement about the fort tonight where it was rumored that several prominent persons were under arrest at any time in connection with the case. It was said that Private Quirk's confession, written in long hand, contained 50 large pages of sensational charges.

WOULD AFFECT TRADE.

Abrogation of Russian Treaty Would Harm Both Countries.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—The Jewish passport question has awakened only slight public interest here. The prospect of the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 does not seem to disturb any one. Good relations with the United States are duly appreciated, especially as they effect the Far East, but it is pointed out that Russia and Germany waged a tariff war in the nineties during which they remained on good terms politically.

The abrogation of the treaty would affect Russian trade to the extent of about $8,000,000 annually, whereas American trade to four times that amount would be affected. Abrogation of the treaty, it is realized, would strike a more vital blow if by reason of this Russian subjects were shut out of America. From the standing of the Russian government the cessation of Jewish emigration would be very disagreeable, but the government does not believe that the matter would be pressed so far. On th other hand, the government sees a graver peril in the indiscriminate admission of Jews to Russia, as many of these, it is asserted by government officials are revolutionists, socialists and anarchists.

Their coming, armed with American passports and with the right to claim consular aid, it is argued, would endanger public peace and cause ultimate diplomatic friction and a serious aggravation of Russo-American relations.

The Jewish question looms so large in Russia proper that the question of Russo-American relations takes a second place, and, finally, it is declared Russia cannot surrender control over the admission of foreigners within her borders.

These are the representative views in government and other circles, but, though not yielding on particular, it is felt that Russia would be willing to emeliorate the conditions in practice under certain circumstances. A danger exists that a Congressional demonstration might provoke the Russian Nationalists and members of the extreme right and alienate the sympathies of other groups. This fear is voiced by Prof. Paul N. Milukoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats. While sympathizing with the aims of the passport agitation, he does not approve of the methods employed.

NEGROES DINE AT HOTEL.

The Arlington at Washington Scene of Social Equality Stunt.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—A great sensation was sprung here tonight by the Arlington Hotel, the most exclusive hostelry in the city, when 40 negroes were banquetted in its dining room. This is the hotel at which Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Underwood live. They have just taken a suite of rooms there for the Winter. Assistant Attorney General Lewis, a Boston negro, and Booker T. Washington, were there.

STOKES CASE NEARING END

Final Pleas for Acquittal of Show Girls Made Yesterday—Stokes, the Defendant Is Critically Ill

New York, Dec. 14.—The jury which is trying Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad for their alleged attempt to murder W. E. D. Stokes, heard from counsel today two final pleas for the show girls' acquittal that bristled with unsparing denunciation of the millionaire sportsman who now lies critically ill as the result of an operation. Tomorrow Assistant District Attorney Buckner will sum up for the prosecution and after Justice Marcus' charge the case will go to the jury, probably before night fall.

Renewed motions by the defense today to remove the cross-examination of Mr. Stokes, which was interrupted by his illness and stricken out were denied.

Stokes was painted by Attorney Robert M. Moore as a "monster," determined to get possession of a beautiful young girl and by getting an exonerating note from her, free himself of all responsibility for causing her downfall.

The chief accusation, that of a plot of the girls to extort money from the millionaire, he held, was disproved by the fact that the girls bought their revolvers with no attempt at secrecy.

Attorney Moore displayed a photograph of Miss Graham, taken at the time of her visit to the Stokes farm at Lexington to emphasize the point that she had changed from a beautiful, healthy, buxum girl, to the worn and fragile creature that had wept on the witness stand. He declared that Stokes took $1,700 from Lillian Graham not "because he wanted the money but because she was a pretty girl."

"With her money gone, her matrimony lost," continued the attorney, "he might say, 'when you want money, then come to me.'"

Clark L. Jordan, the other attorney for the show girls, apologized for saying harsh things about a man who was ill, "but these things were done by a man who had no mercy, to show these girls, who stood in the path of his purpose.

"The power of wealth has been at work in this case," he exclaimed, "Stokes has spent thousands of dollars to rake up evidence which afterwards was not allowed on the record in order to place these two young girls in the worst possible light.

"We ask you men to decide this case in a way as you can look any honest woman in the face and tell her that you judge these girls on the one standard of morality, that you did not favor a man because he was a millionaire and bad."

CREWS NOT LARGE ENOUGH.

Says That Majority of Passenger Ships Had Too Small Crews.

Washington, Dec. 14.—William H. Frazier, secretary of the International Seamen's Union, of Boston, Mass., startled the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries today by declaring that on a majority of the passenger carrying ships on the Atlantic coast there were not enough members of the crew to man the life boats. He said most of the ships carry boats enough for 75 per cent. of the passenger carrying capacity of the ships.

The witness declared that in all of his experience he had never seen a boat drill at sea where the life boats were swung out on davits.

Mr. Frazier also declared that the Slocum disaster was due to an insufficient crew. The loss of life would have been reduced one-half with a proper crew, he said.

The witness was one of a score of sailors in the various trades who urged the passage of the Wilson bill to improve the condition of men in the seafaring trade. The bill would increase from 12 to 100 cubic feet the space for each member of the crew, and from 12 to 16 feet the deck space. It would provide more efficient men in the fire-rooms and other reforms.

CELEBRATE PEACE CENTENARY.

English Speaking Races to Commemorate Signing Treaty of Ghent.

London, Dec. 14.—A meeting held under the auspices of the parliamentary arbitration committee perfected today an organization to co-operate with the National Committee for the celebration of the contennary of peace among English speaking races and to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in 1814. The celebration will take place according to present plans in the United States, Canada and England during the years 1914, 1915 and 1916. Earl Grey, former Governor General of Canada, was elected president of the society, and Baron Shaw, of Dunfermline, chairman of the executive committee, which comprises government officials, church dignitaries and scientists.

RICHESON'S TRIAL

Will Not Be Postponed---To Commence In January

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—The original date, January 15th, set for the trial of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, on the charge of killing Avis Lynnel, his former sweetheart, will be adhered to, and counsel for the defense will not ask for additional time to prepare their case, according to an understanding reached by the court, prosecution and defense. Chief Justice Aiken named Judge Sanderson to preside at the trial.

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MAY BECOME LAW BEFORE HOLIDAYS

Senate Will Probably Take Quick Action on Treaty Abrogation.

MUST GIVE YEAR'S NOTICE

If Senate Fails to Pass on Resolution Before Holidays Abrogation Cannot Become Effective Before 1914.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The abrogation of the Russian treaty of 1832, because of discriminations against American Jews and others, may become the law of the land before the Christmas holiday recess of Congress. The Sulzer resolution already passed by the House directing termination of the treaty after a year's notice, was brought up today in the Senate. The result of a running debate on the question of whether to refer it to the committee on foreign relations or to act immediately was an assurance from the committee that it would report Monday. The Senate may then adopt either the resolution with a slight change or the Culberson resolution, practically identical.

The debate in the Senate included some discussion of the attitude of the State Department. Senator Culberson wanted immediate action on Monday without reference to the committee. He contended that notice of abrogation cannot take effect until one year after "the first day of January following the action of Congress and therefore if the resolution should fail of adoption before the holidays it could not go into effect until 1914, or more than two years hence.

Senators Cullom and Lodge pleaded for the reference to the committee. Both pledged their utmost efforts to obtain committee action to permit the Senate to act on Monday.

"I have no doubt that we can do it," said Senator Cullom. Mr. Lodge added his assurance to the same effect.

Senator Rayner was somewhat skeptical as to the committee's ability to agree within that time. He pointed out the possibility of difference of opinion.

"The time has come for a determination of this question," he said. "The argument is all one way. The treaty has been violated for the past 40 years. Time and again we have yielded. We should act now."

Senator Clark, of Arkansas, contended that if the treaty was to be so promptly disposed of, action should be taken without reference to the committee. He said Congress should either act immediately upon the general public demand or go into the question thoroughly.

Senators Lodge, Bacon and Cullom refused to accept the view that the State Department was on trial.

"The President has told us," said Mr. Cullom, "that he is at work upon the question and will have something ready after the holidays and the Secretary of State assured me a day or two ago that he expected to accomplish something of value to the country."

"SWAT THE FLY"

The House Fly An Important Discussion of Civil Convention

Washington, Dec. 14.—A live and congenial partnership exists between the Larvae of the house fly and the eggs of the hookworm, according to Dr. Woods Hutchison, of New York, who addressed the American Civic Association Convention here today on the results and progress of the "swat the fly" campaign inaugurated by the association last year.

He enumerated a long list of diseases, including typhoid fever, tuberculosis and other germ-inspired scourages which are spread by the fly. The house fly, he said, could not exist away from human habitation, and, if deprived of breeding places would soon be driven out of existence.

Edward Hatch, Jr., of New York, chairman of the fly-killing committee, reported the progress of the campaign during the year and continued the methods and results of various municipal and newspaper "swatting" contests. Kansas, he said, led all the States in fly mortality.

BIG TOBACCO BREAK

Over 400,000 Pounds Sold Yesterday on Wilson Market

(Special Star Telegram).

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 14.—On account of $650 cash prizes offered tobacco farmers today on account of the State Farmers' Union Convention in session here, the tobacco market was glutted, over 40,000 pounds being sold but with doubt, much was carried over until tomorrow and scores of wagons did not unload. This was the largest sale in the history of the market and on account of the prizes for good tobacco it is expected that the average will be between 17 and 18 cents per pound.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—General Zapata has issued a proclamation in favor of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, as president of the republic. In a programme outlining his policy, according to a special dispatch from Cuautla, he names General Pasqual Orozco chief of staff and repudiates the Madero government.

DEMAND SECRETARY'S DISMISSAL

Prohibitionists Disapprove Secretary Wilson's Actions.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The dismissal of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson from the cabinet because he participated in the Brewers' Congress at Chicago as honorary president recently, was demanded here today at the National Anti-Saloon League convention, which likewise went on record as opposed to the reinstatement of the army canteen.

The demand for Mr. Wilson's retirement was made by Judge A. C. Blair of Ohio, in a speech which was applauded to the echo. He said if President Taft did not dismiss the Secretary of Agriculture he would fight his nomination with all his power next year. The resolution passed by the convention laid emphasis on the adoption of legislation to prevent the sale of liquor in prohibition territory and protested against the government sale of confiscated liquor in territory which has become prohibition.

The following officers were elected to serve two years: President, Bishop Luther B. Wilson; vice president, Bishop G. M. Matthews, Rev. Father James M. Cleary, Rev. David J. Burrell, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Judge Charles A. Pollock, Rev. Washington Gladden, Rev. William L. McElwan, Rev. B. C. Barr, Bishop H. C. Morrison, Bishop Samuel P. Spreng, Rev. Robert Covle, Rev. J. H. O. Smith; general superintendent, Rev. R. A. Baker; secretary, S. E. Nicholson; treasurer, Foster Copeland.

WORK OF BLOODHOUNDS.

Followed Trail Six Miles—Man Accused of Murdering Family.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Thanks to two bloodhounds that followed a trail for six miles, and to a clue furnished by Chief of Police Lane, of Hudson, the Rensselaer county authorities hope to soon cause the arrest of Edward Donato, who was also known as Ed. Dennis, a 20-year-old Italian farm hand, who is sought in connection with the murder of the Morner family on Tuesday afternoon at their home in the village of DeFrestville. The bodies of Mrs. Morner, her two daughters, Edith, aged 20, and Blanche, aged 17, and her son, Arthur, aged 28, were found half buried in the mire of a manure pit in the cow stable of their barn.

Latest advices lead the authorities to believe that Donato has made his escape to Pittsburg, Mass., where an officer has gone to locate the suspect.

An autopsy performed upon the bodies of the murdered woman and girls today disclosed, the coroner and physician assert, that the young girl, Blanche, had been assaulted. This, the police say, furnished the motive for the quadruple crime.

THE STEEL INVESTIGATION.

Witness to Refute Charges—Investigation of Freight Rates Continued.

Washington, Dec. 14.—J. B. Cotton, of Duluth, Minn., today notified the House Committee of Inquiry into the United States Steel Corporation that he will appear before it Monday to refute the charge that while counsel for the Duluth, Misabe and Northern railroad he ordered its chief engineer to "pad" the cost of the road about $5,000,000 in a statement in the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission.

Charles H. Martz, for many years chief engineer of the road, declared that when the Minnesota commission began inquiry into freight rates, Cotton told him to exaggerate the cost of the road. Martz said the best he could do was to add about $4,000,000 of fictitious value and that his figures were afterwards changed. Cotton is on his way to Washington from California, to deny that statement.

Today the committee continued investigation of freight rates and transportation facilities of the Steel Corporation to bring out what advantages the company might have over independents by ownership of terminal roads and by having agreements with trunk lines.

TENNESSEE LIQUOR.

Governor Names Committee to Ascertain His Authority.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—In accordance with a resolution adopted by the anti-saloon conference held here on November 30, Gov. Hooper has named a committee of 15 judges and lawyers to investigate the Governor's powers to enforce anti-saloon laws and to report what legislation is needed to make the present prohibition laws effective.

Took Santa For Burglar

The police were called out several times early yesterday morning in response to reports of burglars, but nothing materialized and they believe that most of them were false alarms. At the home of Mr. Charles Thompson, on Castle, between Seventh and Eighth streets, it was reported that a burglar had attempted to enter the house through the chimney, but the officer sent to investigate could find no clue. Captain "Bob" Green, the genial Irish wit of th epouce department, suggested that it was probably Santa Claus making a tour of investigation preparatory to his Christmas visit.

Believed to be Insane.

John Lewis Nixon, colored, believed to be insane, was arrested yesterday morning by Sheriff S. P. Cowan and Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox on papers issued by the clerk of the Superior Court and committed to jail, where he will be held until Saturday at noon, when an inquiry as to his mental condition will be held by Col. John D. Taylor, clerk of the Superior Court. The negro has been employed opening oysters at the Lighthouse, on Wrightsville Sound.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

..Theatrical..

Folks who were at the Academy last night to witness Mr. Henry Ellsworth's pictorial reproduction of what is generally known as "The Passion Play," but which this noted traveler and lecturer designated by the more appropriate title of "Oberammergau. Its People and Their Passion Play of 1910," in order to cover a much wider scope, certainly missed a magnificent treat. However, they can take consolation from the fact that Mr. Ellsworth is to present his really wonderfully views four more times in Wilmington, matinee and night, today and matinee and night tomorrow. Yet while many missed last night's event, mainly due to the very inclement weather, there was a fair sized audience present, which was more than immensely delighted. It was impressed in strong manner and furnished a wealth of information.

"The Passion Play of Oberammergau" is celebrated the world over and takes place only once every decade. At such times many of the most learned men of the world travel to the Bavarian village to witness the sublime spectacle. There has never been moving pictures taken of the play itself and never anything in the way of stereopticon views to amount to anything, before Mr. Ellsworth journeyed there and obtained such. Besides this Mr. Ellsworth remained there for months, getting acquainted with the people and making a deep study of their manners and customs and learning the great depths and powerful emotions of the play. Hence, not only are his views rare, brilliant and costly, but he understands his subject well and lectures in most attractive manner upon such. The views presented last night, with the accompanying lecture by Mr. Ellsworth, who has a magnetic personality and is a fluent talker, furnished three great things First, they were a veritable sermon of intensity and inspiration; second, they afforded information such as a person needs in conversation; third, they presented a rich feast for the vision, the pictures being beautifully colored. Aside from the play itself a decidedly interesting feature was the manner in which the leading characters of the play were presented in their every-day life. For instance, Miss Ottilie Zwink was shown at the iron board and then as the Virgin Mary. Miss Mary Mayer was shown at her humble work at the wash tub and later as Mary Magdalene; Miss Victoria Bauer is first seen standing at her garden gate and next the audience beholds her as Martha; Miss Marie Schmidt about to start on a bicycle ride, and as Veronica; Anton Lang building a stove and as Christ; Wilhelm Rutz at work in his bake shop, then as the Rabbi; Gregor Breitsamter at work in his garden, then as Caiphas; Jacob Rutz shoeing a horse, and as a leader of the chorus—and so on with all the leading performers. Mr. Ellsworth also shows the views of last Summer's great flood that almost stopped the Passion Play; the arrival of the first air ship; tourists sitting in the audience in the theatre and leaving the theatre; behind the scenes showing the property and dressing rooms; the King's Castle at Linderhof; the "Pilgrimage of thanks" from the village to Ettal; the amusing advertisements in English; the oldest performer; interior of the shops, stores and homes.

All the pictures were wonderful, and there is nothing trite about any of them. All is impressive and beautiful.

The special matinee this afternoon should prove especially popular with the ladies. The price will be 25 cents. Prices for night are 25 and 50 cents, and tickets for tonight are now on sale at Plummer's.

At The Bijou

"Love laughs at locksmiths" and so does the Wilmington amusement lover chuckle at inclement weather when The Bijou is open. This attractive place, always warm and cozy, offers a remedy for the blues and a chance to escape dreary weather, and amusement lovers know it. So in spite of yesterday's disagreeableness The Bijou did fine business. This is also the very best evidence of the popularity of this theatre and of its well-known "solid comfort." The bill yesterday was a rich one for laughs, too, which helped to brighten up things and furnished enjoyment to hundreds. Today's bill is going to be another blues' chaser and all desiring to see something fine and choice are given the sure tip to go to The Bijou. As on yesterday, comedy is going to play a big part in the bill, though there will be enough of the dramatic—the intense, stirring, but wholesome dramatic—to balance the programme, while the musical numbers will be perfect gems. They will be the very latest, and Mr. Frank Banks, Wilmington's "favorite balladist," has for today one of the best ditties he has ever had. Remember, too, that The Bijou is going to be comfortable no matter the conditions of the weather.

Grand Theatre.

It makes no difference how bad the weather on the outside may be, the Grand Theatre gets its double share of the business. Yesterday was a most disagreeable day, but with all that the Grand had its full share of business and everybody was happy. Today a striking Vitagraph will be the offering, the subject being "Saved From Himself." The photographic work and display in this picture is magnificent. Then there is an Essanay photoplay, "At the Stroke of Twelve," a strong and stirring drama with a plot of compelling interest. It is the story of a newsboy's success and appeals to the love of human interest in any story or play. Mr. Morgan will quite appropriately sing, "Hands Up", and this should appeal to the public just now. The audience is asked to join in the chorus. There is no doubt but that the Grand is growing in popularity and today the offering will be found especially good.

Jefferson Lodge, K. of P., Elects.

At the regular meeting last night of Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, Knights of Pythias, officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: Chancellor commander, L. R. Pigford; vice chancellor, R. W. Pigford; prelate, W. H. Smith; master of work, Ed Weaver; keeper of records and seal, C. E. Haskett; master of finance, W. L. Williford; master of exchequer, W. P. McGlaughon; master at arms, W. R. Taylor; inner guard, W. W. Love; outer guard, G. W. Branch.

HAVE FREE ENTRY

Hair Goods from China and Elsewhere Will Not Bet Subject to Duty

Washington, Dec. 14.—The free entry into this country of "combings of human hair," practically in their crude condition, from China and other lands for the manufacture of wigs, puns, "rats," switches and other articles of personal adornment, will not be disturbed by the Treasury Department. Assistant Curtis today decided that duty should not be assessed although the appraiser at New York contended that hair partially prepared should be charged 20 per cent. ad valorem duty.

Investigation of the subject developed the fact that the Imperial Chinese edict ordering the clipping of the historic queques of Chinese subjects has had no effect upon the available supply of human hair for commercial purposes. The market has not been swamped with Chinese "pigtails," for the sons of China are carefully encasing their clipped queques in boxes of gold for preservation as relics to posterity.

DOES DARING JOB.

Standing on Another's Shoulder Man Gilds Steeple 710 Feet High.

New York, Dec. 14.—A daring pole climber, 710 feet above the street level, perched on the shoulders of an assistant who in turn was standing on another's shoulders, formed a trio of steeple jacks today, declared to have plied their trade at a greater altitude than ever before reached by members of their profession. Their leader calmly proceeded with his task of gilding the tip-top of the city's highest tower overlooking Madison Square.

"No trick at all," the chief of the steeple jacks said when he quit work. "If I could have rigged a bo'sun's chair, climbed up alone and sat on the peak kicking my heels a while before beginning with the brush there would have been some variety to the job. It was the highest job a steeple jack ever tackled, but height is of no consequence to men in our business."

Washington, Dec. 14.—Hardin B. Littlepage, one of the few surviving participants in the great marine battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac, died at his home here today. He was 70 years old and was born in Virginia. He resigned from the naval academy as a midshipman to enter the Confederate navy at the outbreak of the Civil War and participated in a number of engagements including that between the Monitor and the Merrimac in Hampton Roads, March 8th and 9th, 1862.

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This is the way the best delicate way to serve oranges and grapefruit—the households serve them: Cut the fruit in half, as you would a lemon, and squeeze the juice into a glass and serve cool. The juice of one Florida orange is a suitable portion for one person. But if you are not orange-wise, and buy other than Florida oranges, it may require more than the juice from one orange.

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Christmas Presents of the Substantial Kind—not Toys, but Useful Articles.

Boys' Suits—sizes up to 18—Knickerbocker split-hip trousers in Cashmeres, Serges and Worsteds; all colors; prices from $3.50 to $12.50.

Men's and Young Men's Suits—single and double breasted; full-fashioned trousers, in Blacks, Blue Serges, Novelty Suitings and Worsteds — a strong line, from $10.00 to $25.00.

Holeproof Socks and Stockings, in Holiday Boxes — Sox, half doz., $1.50; Stockings, half doz., $2.00.

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Silk Stockings, full fashioned, packed two pair in Fancy Box; an elegant present; per box, only $1.00.

Silk Necktie and Silk Sox to Match, packed in Holiday Boxes; nice present for Men and Boys; per box, only $1.00.

Neckties in Holiday Boxes; a handsome assortment; always useful; the very best Silk and Knit Ties; only, each, 50c.

Boys', Girls' and Ladies' Sweaters; all wool and mixed; colors, Red, Blue, Tan, Grey, with Mufflers to Match; very useful presents; prices from $1.00 to $5.00.

Umbrellas—Men's and Ladies' all silk; sterling handle, detachable; each, $5.00.

Bath Robes of very handsome design; finest to be had anywhere; price, $7.50.

Pajamas for Men and Boys; a nice thing for a present, and always useful, for $1.50 to $5.00.

Shoes for the whole family; good-looking, all-leather, substantial Shoes; always a gift that is appreciated; prices, Right.

Hats, Caps, Ties, Purses, Canes, Socks of all kinds, Handkerchiefs of all kinds, packed in Holiday Boxes, in Silk, Linen or Lawn, with cards; Suspenders in Holiday Boxes; Fancy Vests; Shirts of all kinds.

Overcoats—A handsome line from $10.00 to $35.00.

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Shaws and Stieff and Shaw Player Pianos.

Mathushek Mahogany case.....$250.00
Fine art case design in excellent condition, good, full tone.

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A good piano for a beginner, nice, easy action, good tone, a real bargain.

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In first-class shape.

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150 Barrels of Baldwin Apples, at $3.50 per barrel.

300 Barrels of Extra Fancy Baldwin Apples at $3.75 per barrel.

250 Bunches Bananas at $1.00 per bunch.

2,500 Cocoanuts, 100 to the bag, at $4.50 per bag.

3,000 Cocoanuts, 150 to the bag, at $4.50 per bag.

Also Mixed Nuts, Candies, and Raisins.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$3,539,269.70
U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	96,575.00
Cash and Due by Banks	1,573,766.67
	$5,785,611.37

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	$ 825,000.00
Surplus and Net Profits	470,054.29
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bonds Account	100,000.00
Deposits	3,840,557.08
	$5,785,611.37

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE.

To the Owners and Holders of Bonds outstanding under that certain Mortgage or Deed of Trust from the Tidewater Power Company to the Carnegie Trust Company, dated January 1, 1909:

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy having occurred in the office of the Trustee under the mortgage or deed of trust executed by the Tidewater Power Company to the Carnegie Trust Company, as Trustee, bearing date the 1st day of January, 1909, securing an issue of bonds of this Company of the aggregate par value of $2,000,000, the Board of Directors of this Company has, pursuant to the terms of said mortgage, filled such vacancy by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting duly called and held on the 24th day of October, 1911, whereby the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities was designated and appointed as Trustee as successor to said Carnegie Trust Company;

In accordance with the terms and provisions of said mortgage or deed of trust, and in accordance with the said resolution adopted as aforesaid, a certificate of the appointment of the said Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, was duly registered in the office of the Register of the County of New Hanover, in Book No. 66, Records of New Hanover County, page 325.

An order has also been entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, on the 29th day of November, 1911, permitting the superintendent of Banks of the State of New York, in charge of the Carnegie Trust Company, to join with the Carnegie Trust Company in resigning as Trustee under the said mortgage or deed of trust, and to convey to the said Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities all rights and property of the said Carnegie Trust Company, as Trustee, under the said mortgage or deed of trust.

By virtue of the said resolution of the Board of Directors, and by virtue of the said certificate recorded as aforesaid, and by virtue of the said order entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, notice is hereby given that the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities is now the duly qualified and acting Trustee under and by virtue of the aforesaid mortgage or deed of trust in the place of and as successor to said Carnegie Trust Company.

This notice is published in accordance with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage or deed of trust.

TIDEWATER POWER COMPANY,
By Hugh MacRae, President.
H. Woollcott, Secretary.
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AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL

Seaboard Wants to Take Off Hamlet Shoo-Fly--Judge Ward's Successor—Number of Charters Issued—Other Notes

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Corporation Commission received today a formal application from General Manager C. H. Hix, of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co., for permission to take off the Raleigh-Hamlet shoo-fly January 1st on the ground that it is not earning the expense of its operation.

This train was put on last August at the insistance of the Corporation Commission with the understanding that it would be operated until January 1, at which time there could be a hearing on the question of taking it off if not self-sustaining. Now, the Seaboard comes forward with a statement purporting to show that it is being operated at a loss and should, therefore, be discontinued. The Commission is not yet making public the report that the railroad company has submitted as to the operation of the train, but it is understood that the train carried from August 1st to December 1st over 18,000 people. The Commission is arranging with Mr. Hix for a hearing on the showing that the company makes of the earnings of the train. It can be said that the indications are very strong that the Commission will insist on the retention of the train which has proven a great convenience for the people from Raleigh to Hamlet and connecting territories.

Governor Kitchin has commissioned A. M. Faison, of Pender county, as a member of the board of directors for the State Hospital for the Insane at Raleigh instead of Edwin Smith, of Harnett county, resigned.

A charter was issued today for The Greater Western North Carolina Association (of Land of the Sky), Inc., home office at Asheville and the special purpose, the furtherance of every worthy effort at the development of that section of Western Carolina known as "The Land of The Sky." The counties of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Polk and Transylvania are represented on the board of directors; also the Southern Railway has a number of directors allotted. The incorporators, headed by Geo. S. Powell, of Asheville, are representative citizens of Asheville, Brevard, Waynesville, Hendersonville, Webster, Balsom, Dillsboro, Slyvia, Hot Springs, Marshall and Tyron.

Another notable charter is to The Textile Bank of White Oak Village, Guilford county, capital $250,000 authorized and $25,000 subscribed by Caesar Cone and others for savings and commercial business and with power to establish branch banks.

Another charter is to The Cathey Buggy Co., of Salisbury, capital $20,000 by J. P. Cathey, R. J. Holmes and others. Also there is a charter for The Lamm-Privett Co., of Bailey, Nash county, capital $25,000 by E. A. Lamm, J. W. Privett and W. E. Penny, for dealing in live stock, farm implements and supplies.

Letters and telegrams in the interest of one and another of the three or four aspirants for the appointment as successor to George W. Ward as judge for the first district are pouring in to Governor Kitchin. The Governor will not make public the names of those being urged for the appointment. Col. W. C. Rodman, Hon Stephen C. Bragaw, of Washington, and W. M. Bond, of Edenton, are known to be among the number. The resignation of Judge Ward is not effective until January 1st, and there is no intimation as to when the appointment will be announced.

B. L. E. IN SESSION

Local Division Holds Annual Meeting in Hamlet---Officers

(Special Star Correspondence).

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 14.—The local division of the Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers held their annual meeting Sunday afternoon in the Brotherhood hall over the Bank of Hamlet, 28 of the 90 members of the division being present with two visitors. Mr. N. L. Putnaw, of Division 772, Pitcairn, Pa., and the always-heartily welcomed general chairman, Mr. Chas. M. Parsons, of Division 803, Savannah, now living at Monroe, N. C.

Election of officers resulted in all new men except the veteran secretary-treasurer J. R. Gordon, who was elected for the fifth consecutive term. Altogether, Mr. Gordon has served the division for 16 years and the election of Sunday carries a two-year term. W. H. Fetner was elected chief engineer. This honor comes well deserved. Mr. Fetner is one of the oldest in point of service on the division and a man who has the respect of every one who knows him.

S. B. Winslow is first engineer; G. A. Stafford is second, and D. H. Pope is third; guide, F. P. McDonald; chaplain, R. M. Galloway; auditing committee, C. D. Bradshaw, D. H. Pope, W. W. Shoemaker; delegate to grand division, J. P. Wyatt; chairman local committee, M. J. Isenhardt; delegate to legislative board, W. H. Fetner.

FISHERIES CONVENTION

Drastic Laws Recommended for Conservation of Industry in South

(Special Star Telegram).

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 14.—The North Carolina Fisheries Convention which met here yesterday for a two-day's session, came to a close this morning with the organization perfected. The 85 delegates in attendance from all over Eastern North Carolina at once left for their homes.

The convention recommended the enactment by the General Assembly of a Statewide law regulating the preservation and taking of fin-fish and shell fish in and from the waters of the State and providing that such laws shall be executed by a Fisheries Commission appointed by the General Assembly or otherwise as may be provided, said commission to be vested with powers to promulgate rules and regulations that shall have the force and effect of laws and shall have the power to fix the penalty for the violation thereof and that said law be formulated by the committee, and be reported at the next annual meeting of this association.

New A. & M. Captain

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—At a meeting this afternoon of the men who won their monograms and stars at A. & M. this Fall in football, Howard Milton Cool, 1914, of Southport, N. C., was unanimously chosen to captain the Red and White team in 1912.

Cool entered A. & M. last year, and as a freshman won a place on the 'varsity and did the punting, playing right half back in brilliant form throughout the entire season. This year he played in every game on the schedule with the exception of the Wake Forest game, injuries received in the Naval Academy game keeping him out. In the latter parts of the Washington & Lee and V. P. I. games he was forced to retire on account of his injured knee.

Ever since he has been on the A. & M. team Cool has been the mainstay of the backfield, his punting, when he is in good shape, comparing favorably with any kicker in the South Atlantic division. In carrying the ball Cool is one of the best ground gainers in the division, and his defensive work has been consistently of the best, and a powerful asset to the team. His all around work for the past two seasons has placed him with the best backfield men in the South, and this year his selection as fullback on the All-State team comes as a recognition of his ability as a player and his worth to his team.

The selection of Cool to lead the Red and White next year is a happy one, as he possesses all the qualifications of a leader and is immensely popular with the students and his team-mates.

STATE FARMERS' UNION.

Officers Re-elected at Wilson---Splendid Entertainment Given.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 14.—The North Carolina Farmers' Union, in session here today, elected the following officers:

President, H. Q. Alexander, of Matthews; J. M. Templeton, vice president, Cary; secretary and treasurer, E. C. Faires, Charlotte; State organizer, J. Z. Green, Marshville; business agent, J. R. Rives, Sanford. Most of the morning session of the convention was consumed in the selection of the executive committee. The following were elected: Messrs. W. G. Gardner, of Wake; W. B. Gibson, of Iredell; C. C. Wright, of Wilkes; I. P. Coggins, of Chatham, and W. H. Moore, of Pitt.

The feature this afternoon was the address of Mr. R. A. N. Wilson, of Mississippi, who explained the warehouse system and the cotton holding movement in his State.

The entertainment this evening was a visit to the Atlantic Christian College, where a fine musical programme had been arranged. Tomorrow at 12:30 the visitors will be the guests of the Farmers' Cotton Oil Co., Messrs. F. N. Bridgers and Graham Woodward, managers, who will serve them with a delicious barbecue done to a turn in the Banner warehouse. Tomorrow afternoon the delegates will see Wilson in automobiles, the autoists of Wilson having placed their machines at the disposal of the visitors

PENDER COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Plenty of Hog and Hominy—An Aged Citizen—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 14.—The depression in the cotton and peanut markets is expected to cause an equal falling off in trades of all kinds. The farmers have made a sufficiency for the inner man. Should anything be lacking the present crop of persimmons and 'possums will materially aid the shortage.

Mr. Hanson Futch, our Nimrod from the East, went out last night and "fotch in" three 'possums, three coons and a skunk, that being only ordinary hunting. Your scribe visited his fur loft this morning and found several deer hides, huge antlers, coon skins, 'possum, mink and skunk skins. Last week Mr. Geo. B. Futch killed the monarch antlered buck of Harrison Creek, weighing some less than 200 pounds.

Our hustling farmer friend, Mr. Reuben A. Corbett, aged 75, who has voted the Democratic ticket 54 times and plowed 50 Summers, informs your scribe that he recently met at Burgaw Mr. David Johnson, of Willard, Pender county, who is now aged 86 and has plowed 72 crops, never bought a pound of bacon, nor a bushel of corn, has sheep, bees and cows in abundance.

A Terrible Blunder

to neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virulent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

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RECEIVED SETBACK.

Senator Lorimer's Defense Must Give Additional Proof to Testimony.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Lorimer's defense received a temporary setback today. Elbridge Hanecy, his counsel, had announced that he expected to prove that the corruption charges against the Senator were inspired by owners and officials of the International Harvester Company because they believed Senator Lorimer had been connected with the legal fight in Chicago to increase the company's taxes.

The committee investigating Mr. Lorimer's election ordered stricken from the record all the testimony concerning the tax fight given by Maxwell Edgar, a Chicago lawyer, who created a sensation last Saturday by testifying that he received from Clarence S. Darrow, their lawyer, an offer of $10,000 if he would drop the tax fight against the harvester company.

Chairman Dillingham ruled that Edgar's testimony could not be received unless counsel for Senator Lorimer could connect it with proof that the harvester officials believed Mr. Lorimer was interested in the fight against them. Mr. Hanecy promised to develop testimony along that line when the committee resumed tomorrow.

Thomas A. Toomey, a sales agent for the Edward Hines Lumber Company, testified that between January and March, 1911, Edward Hines was in Washington continuously. Clarence Funk, general manager of the International Harvester Company, testified that some time in February Hines approached him in the Union League Club, of Chicago, and asked him to contribute $10,000 to the fund alleged to have been used to "put Lorimer over at Springfield."

BILL FOR EIGHT HOUR LAW.

Passed House Yesterday—Some Changes in the Measure.

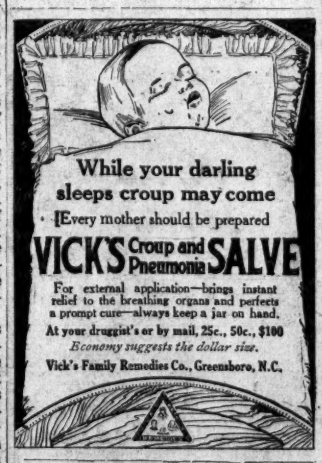
Washington, Dec. 14.—The eight-hour day for laborers and mechanics on government work would be extended to contract work done by private firms, by the terms of a bill passed by the House today. The measure was introduced by Representative Hughes, of New Jersey.

Criticism of the measure on the ground that it would compel the establishment of an eight-hour day in all factories making goods used by the government, resulted in minor changes in the measure to make it more certain in its application. As it passed the House, it would require the eight-hour day in all contract labor of the character performed by the government itself, such as shipbuilding, gun and ammunition making, river and harbor work and building construction.

Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, the Socialist member of the House, expressed the belief that the bill would not "hold water" and advised the House to "have a brick-maker write an eight-hour law about ten lines in length."

"For the first time in 50 years you Democrats are playing politics successfully," said Mr. Berger, amid laughter. "Day before yesterday you got the old soldier vote, yesterday you got the Jewish vote; and today you have gone after the labor vote."

Baltimore, Dec. 14.—Bishop Alphesus W. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who was taken ill while attending to conference duty in the South, was brought to his home here today from Pensacola, Fla. He bore the strain of the long trip well.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Lv. Durham	7:00 a m	5:30 p m
Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 a m	6:25 p m
Ar. Cincinnati	7:25 a m	6:25 p m
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a m	6:55 p m
Ar. Chicago	5:00 p m	7:30 a m
Ar. St. Louis	6:33 p m	8:30 a m

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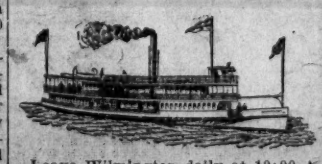

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION

of the Sentence of Death Imposed by Law Upon L. M. Sandlin.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for commutation to life imprisonment of the sentence of death imposed by law upon L. M. Sandlin by reason of his conviction at the July term of the Superior Court of New Hanover County of the crime of murder.

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective October 10, 1911. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90, ! 3:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 3:35 P. M. and Richmond 4:10 P. M.)	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:45 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *11:40 P. M.
No. 64, ! 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 65, ! 6:50 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (!) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P. M.
No. 59, ! 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, * 9:45 A. M.
No. 57, † 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No. 58, ! 8:30 A. M.

* Daily. !Daily except Sunday. a Daily except Monday.

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IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1911.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Winter Park	EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville	EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville Beach	WEST BOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	WEST BOUND. Leave Wrightsville for for Wilmington	WEST BOUND. Leave Wrightsville Beach for Wilmington
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Trains Arrive at Wilmington:
No. 40—12:30 P. M.—From Charlotte.
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No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 65, for all points North; at Monroe, with No. 53, for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41, for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis; No. 84, for Washington and New York; No. 32, for Portsmouth, Norfolk, and No. 43, for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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Friday, December 15, 1911.

Wilmington had better get a move on her.

Don't shop early but once if you have spent all your money.

It takes two pints to make a quart and lots of work to make a quarter, too.

Everybody appears to be unscrupulous when they happen to get the best of us in a deal.

It is easier for a mutt to turn in fire alarm than it is for a politician set the world on fire.

There is no better port than the Wilmington and Southport ocean gateway to build on for the future. If any South Atlantic port is going to do any Panama canal traffic, this port holds the key to it in adaptibility and potentiality.

The Hon. E. J. Watson, of Columbia, S. C., president of the Southern Cotton Congress, has called a meeting of the members at New Orleans December 20th, to take steps towards a plan for a reduction in cotton acreage. That is the solution to the low price of cotton and The Star has long ago said so. It will beat financing a surplus with that $50,000,000 to be put up by the syndicate of New York bankers.

On account of pocket-book snatching, a Baltimore policeman says women's pocket-books ought to be made smaller so they can carry them in their pocket instead of dangling them in their hands along the streets. Come to think of it, there isn't any room for a pocket in a woman's dress, and their pocket-books certainly are too large to be carried where the old-fashioned lady used to carry her money.

Our Republican contemporary, the New York Tribune, takes pride in saying: "Postmaster General Hitchcock's achievement in turning a postal deficit of $17,000,000 into a surplus of $219,000 within the space of two years is nothing less than wonderful." So it is, but it is more wonderful that his predecessors hadn't done what he has done. He wanted to have his books straight when the Democratic auditors take a look over them after a Democratic President gets on his job.

The census shows that there are 9,345 more women than men in North Carolina. We are proud we have enough splendid North Carolina women to go around, with a few to spare for the right sort of invaders from less fortunate States. However, the foreigners of South Carolina and Virginia are not content with the surplus. They are constantly coming across the borders and "offering their hands" in all directions. However, a North Carolina girl is awfully particular.

The Hon. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, a Confederate soldier who was in every battle around Richmond, has come to the front with $12,000 to erect a monument to the war time women of North Carolina. This noble act of that true and tried soldier and splendid North Carolinian is inspiring and glorious. However, the men of North Carolina ought to share in rearing that monument to the grandest women of the universe. All honor to the patriotism and beneficence of Mr. Horne! The sublimest patriotism and heroism of the Civil War times was displayed by the women, who, with stout hearts, calmly suffered at home the sorrows of bereavement, the pangs of constant dread of news from the raging battle, and the privations and distress which hardly has a parallel in history.

UP TO WILMINGTON.

In Wednesday's and Thursday's Star, and on different occasions heretofore, we argued the supreme importance of modern harbor terminals for the port of Wilmington and other Southern ports which expect to take care of their commerce and be prepared for the increased water traffic that must inevitably be the result of the early completion of the Panama Canal. Now the government comes forward to stipulate that Wilmington must expend $200,000 on harbor terminals to offset a government expenditure of $572,940 in providing a bar and channel depth of 26 feet at low water.

The isthmian canal will provide a shorter distance from European and American ports to the Pacific ocean trade and quite naturally it will revolutionize the ocean traffic of the entire world. There will be a new basis for water and rail rates, and it is anticipated that the facilities for commerce afforded by the isthmian route will completely upset the freight rates of three continents. Already at Washington this government is considering the problem of tolls to be charged for shipping passing through the canal and that question must be settled, pretty socn, as the maritime nations will expect a decision in time to readjust steamship rates.

The great ocean-to-ocean waterway has been completed so rapidly that time is pressing for new rate-making and preparations for the increased domestic and foreign commerce that must pass through American waters. Not alone will we see American ships seeking the Pacific through the canal but the ships of all Europe passing through for the world's Pacific ocean ports. At present Japan's merchant ships only ply between the Mikado's ports and American ports on the Pacific, but when the canal is open for traffic we shall see Japanese ships coming to Atlantic ports and passing through American waters on their way to Europe. Other nations are ready with their merchant marine, while America will be the least prepared of all the nations to take advantage of the canal, unless this country pursues a different course in enabling Americans and American companies to own our ships, whether built at home or abroad. Already Congress is asked to permit the free passage of American ships, but it seems that under our treaties there can be no discrimination against foreign shipping, hence we will find ourselves necessarily compelled to compete with foreign shipping. At any rate, it is time for this country to be astir in its preparations for canal commerce, and especially is it opportune for Wilmington and other South Atlantic ports to be taking some constructive steps out of the ordinary.

Certainly the time is ripe for Wilmington to be on the move, for circumstances will now compel the business men of this port to have a livelier conception of their duty to Wilmington. We are right up against a constructive age and it is up to the men of our ports to meet a test that is greater than any they have ever experienced. Can Wilmington meet that constructive test? Can Charleston or Savannah meet it? The port which can and will meet the test will be the South Atlantic port for a tremendous distribution from interior-to-ocean and from ocean-to-interior. Probably all will meet it, and, as to that, we have no doubt it will be necessary for all South Atlantic ports to be utilized by the great interior territory which is naturally tributary to them.

Wilmington must meet the government's dictum and the constructive test that is necessary. We must have a mind that the port of Wilmington is no mere local affair and not even no State affair. It is nearer than any other port for the distribution to and from several States of the South, the Middle West and even half across the American continent. It ought to be the port of several States as far West as Chicago. Shall this port serve that great territory as its ocean gateway? If so, we have some masterful work ahead of us. We must not only prepare for canal traffic, but the government has put it up to us to take care of our growing foreign exports which during the year ended June 30, 1911, amounted to $28,812,543—an aggregate of $2,116,890 greater than the combined exports of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Charleston and Jacksonville. For instance, the foreign exports of the other ports named were, respectively: Norfolk-Portsmouth, $9,628,932; Newport News, $5,468,480; Charleston, $8,950,359; Jacksonville, $2,647,883. Add those together and subtract the total from Wilmington's exports, and then you will have some conception of the prestige which it gives the port of Wilmington.

We use the figures of the Department of Commerce and Labor. During the year ending June 30, 1911, the government reported Wilmington's foreign commerce at the valuation of $32,017,950, of which there were imports of $3,205,407, and the balance exports in the amount already mentioned. It is up to the masterful business men of Wilmington—the men who have created that great commerce—to take care of it and increase it. The only way to do it is to provide the port with adequate water terminals and the government has stipulated that we must do it. For instance, in the Raleigh News and Observer of Wednesday, under date of Washington, December 12th, we find the following special dispatch:

"The Secretary of War today sent a communication to Congress regarding the development of the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington. It is proposed to provide a channel 26 feet in depth at mean low water and 300 feet wide in the river and 400 feet wide on the bar, at an estimated cost of $572,940, and with an annual appropriation of $80,000 for maintenance. If the local authorities, the report says, will expend $200,000 for terminal improvements the work should then be undertaken. However, the matter is put squarely up to the business interests of Wilmington. Another report which he sent in refers to the improvement of Swift Creek, Craven county. In this case it is recommended that nothing be done at present."

The above marks out for us the course to pursue and it means municipally provided harbor terminals. We already have an act of the General Assembly authorizing Wilmington to vote bonds in the amount of $200,000 for harbor terminals and we must vote those bonds and go to work on those terminals at once. That is not an exaction on the part of the government from Wilmington and it is not discriminatory. It is in accordance with the government's new rivers and harbors policy which requires all ports to provide harbor terminals to meet the requirements of such commerce as has been created and may be created by government appropriations for river and harbor improvements.

The already comparatively large commerce of Wilmington justifies a municipal expenditure of $200,000, and it would be all the better if it were $1,000,000. With a population of 25,748, and a foreign commerce of $32,017,950, this port is doing a foreign business of $1,245 for each and every one of its population, men, women and children. We boast of banking resources of $575 for every man, woman and child in the city, and yet, what do you think of that per capita of foreign commerce? Mind you, no account is taken of Wilmington's coastwise and river commerce, which is about as large as the foreign commerce of the port.

Wilmington has done splendidly. She can do greater things. She can put in terminals and at once increase her imports if not her exports. The business is already offering in imports and warehousing, and with nominal charges to meet the expense of maintenance of terminal and interest on bonds, we ought to be able to expend $1,000,000 for modern piers, slips and warehouses, equipped with machinery for the quick discharge and loading of cargoes, without the addition of a cent to the taxation of the people. It is Wilmington's move and she ought to move right now.

TOUCHOUS ONTHE SUBJECT

"Variety is the spice of life," but our friend, Col. Wade H. Harris, of the Charlotte Chronicle, wants to keep us from indulging in variety. At the same time, his editorial columns team with splendid variety, and he is also one editor who speaks out on all sorts of questions. He switches from the cotton tree and cotton picking machine to the ship subsidy and senatorial questions. He has "passed up" that $50,000,000 of syndicate money to finance the cotton crop, and gracious knows what it is that he doesn't write about. However, he is touchous on the subject of Woodrow Wilson. He makes the Chronicle say:

"Coolnel Tom Clawson, of The Wilmington Star, ought not to take it too hard about Wilson and the Carnegie pension. Wilson has been probably helped by efforts to make capital out of the matter. But we would rather see the colonel stick to his hog and hominy, thirty-foot channel, and keep money-at-home editorials than to be writing fretful paragraphs about a man who might have heard the horn blow once, but who will not hear it blow again."

Of course, Brother Harris knows we have to change the subject now and then so we can suit different people and different editors with different things and varying views. We are glad he likes those practical subjects we love to write about, but he draws the line on our defense of Wilson and articles like that about "Political Assassination," but it was different with the Columbia State. It reproduced the whole editorial, and so have several papers. Thus we see, it depends altogether on the point of view. Some editors like one thing and some another, just like other people. We think, however, all Democratic editors ought to like to join in the defense of Woodrow Wilson, Judson Harmon, Champ Clark or other national Democrats when the absurdest material is being worked into charges against them. When real exposures are sprung it is all right, but when the enemy lays a mine Democrats should not fire it, if they know better.

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle remarks: "Champ Clark says he believes in Santa Claus. He won't after November, 1912." Champ won't worry. He can go right on chasing the octopus.

Says the Greensboro News: "It is said the right of way and terminal facilities that Concord has guaranteed the Norfolk-Southern will cost that city about a million dollars, yet it was considered good business and the guarantee was made in a few hours." With the small interior city of Con to the scratch with a cool million for a railroad, Wilmington will not stagger at the government's proposition to give her a bar and channel for 26-feet depth at low water if the port will expend $200,000 on harbor terminals.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is sometimes better not to get fighting mad over the impugned innocence of our friends until we learn the facts in the case.—Chicago News.

Henry Watterson is coming to North Carolina. Let's all get ready to give a notable reception to the greatest living editor.—Raleigh News and Observer.

A Chicago ordinance makes obligatory the sale of fruits and vegetables by weight instead of by measure. It is an example of the increased output of local legislation designed to meet the higher cost of living by stopping the leaks and chinks by which the consumer is mulcted by the unscrupulous dealer.—New York World.

The news that comes from Washington about a movement to force the Republican nomination for President on Col. Roosevelt is not at all surprising. It was forecasted in these columns several days ago, and really comes to the surface sooner than was expected. The unrest and dissatisfaction among the members of Taft's party was bound to have an outlet somewhere.—Greensboro News. (Ind.)

The low price of cotton seems to have hit the buggy business harder than almost anything else. The Tyson & Jones Buggy Company, of Carthage, was shut down last week and has not made full time in some time. The Sanford Buggy Company has also reduced its working force on account of business being dull. Farmers who are holding their cotton for higher prices are not prepared to buy buggies.—Sanford Express.

The youthful corn growers of the State are doing much to advertise North Carolina to the outside world. A report from Raleigh states that numerous inquiries are coming in frequently from the West from the farmers desirous of locating in North Carolina. They have been attracted by the agricultural possibilities of this section and they wish to locate here and work along with our people in developing our resources. Such settlers are more than welcome. They are badly needed. There are thousands of fertile acres in North Carolina which can be reclaimed and made to return rich yields. We need more men of the right kind and the boys of the corn clubs are doing much to bring them in.—Charlotte News.

DR. F. J. HAYWOOD DEAD

Died Suddenly Yesterday About Noon Near His Home in Raleigh

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Dr. Fab. J. Haywood, a prominent retired physician here, died suddenly about noon today in Capitol Square from heart disease. He had been suffering in this way for some time and had an attack while on his way to the postoffice. He took a seat on one of the iron benches in the square opposite Christ church and expired before anyone could reach him. Dr. W. L. Royster says there were traces of life for a minute or two after he reached him. Dr. Haywood was the last of his generation of the Haywood family. He was 71 years old, a Confederate veteran and an especially successful physician. He leaves two sons, Fab. J. Haywood, Jr., former State bank examiner, now of Concord, and William Grimes Haywood, of the division of chemistry, State Department of Agriculture. He was a son of Dr. Fab. J. Haywood, a distinguished physician in the early history of the State and a nephew of Dr. Burke Haywood, the famous surgeon. He was born in the old three-story brick building at the Fayetteville street entrance to Capitol Square, just demolished to give place to the new fire-proof State building, for several generations the Haywood home.

FIRE AT RAYNHAM

Store of C. T. Pate Burned After Robbery---Croatan Arrested

(Special Star Telegram).

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 14.—The store and stock of goods belonging to C. T. Pate, at Raynham, 12 miles from here, were destroyed by fire this morning shortly before day. A nearby dwelling and blacksmith shop were also burned.

Deputy Sheriff Monaghan and Mr. Robertson, of Fayetteville, were 'phoned and passed through here shortly after noon with a bloodhound and proceeded to the scene of the burning. The dog took the trail and led to the home of a Croatan over a mile away. The Croatan was in the crowd following the dog and was promptly arrested. It has not been learned here yet if any of the stolen goods were recovered.

Richmond, Dec. 14.—The civil council tonight adopted a new ordinance creating an administrative board to handle all municipal matters. The council, which will continue to make laws, has been reduced from 61 to 32 members. The new board goes into office on January 1st, 1913.

CYCLIST RISKS LIFE

New York—Jim Zanora, one of the best known trick bicycle riders in the United States risks his life at every public appearance and knows how necessary it is for him to have steady nerve and unfailing strength.

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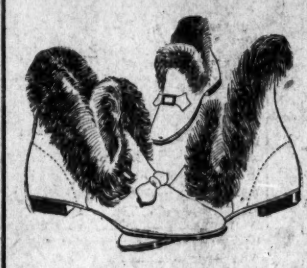

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KING GEORGE REVIEWS.

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Delhi, British India, Dec. 14.—King George today reviewed 50,000 British and native troops. He held an investiture in the royal camp tonight bestowing orders on 93 knights and 200 companions. The Queen witnessed both the review and bestowal of orders. During the investure some alarm was caused by the burning of a small official tent. The fire was purely accidental and was due to a bicycle lamp which fell against the canvas.

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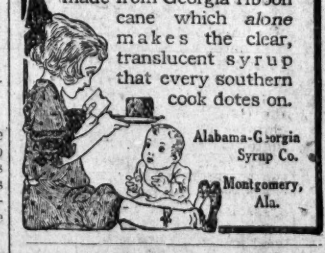

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JURY DISAGREES ON VERDICT

Five Jurors Hold That W. R. Dowdy Was Killed by Son and One Dissents—C. F. Dowdy Still in Jail—Complications

Precipitating an altogether unprecedented situation in this county the coroner's jury, which investigated the murder of W. R. Dowdy, an aged white man whose skull was beaten in [illegible] in an isolated spot in the eastern section of the city Sunday evening and whose son, Chas. F. Dowdy, was later arrested charged with the crime, reported its findings yesterday afternoon, five of the members being of the opinion that the deceased came to his death by blows from an axe in the hands of his son, and one juror dissenting.

Coroner C. D. Bell refused to commit Chas. F. Dowdy to jail on the divided verdict, but the accused man was still imprisoned at a late hour last night, on the original commitment of Magistrate Geo. Harriss, who also served as foreman of the coroner's jury.

The inquest was held Wednesday, consuming nearly the whole of the day, and at a late hour that afternoon the jury, took an adjournment until 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Following a session yesterday morning they again adjourned until 1 P. M., when they met and after being in session a few minutes rendered the following verdict:

"We, the undersigned coroner's jury, having been duly summoned, sworn and empanelled by Dr. C. D. Bell, coroner of New Hanover county, to hear the testimony of witnesses in the case before us, and after hearing the evidence of the witnesses, find that W. R. Dowdy came to his death from wounds inflicted by an axe in the hands of Chas. F. Dowdy.

"GEO. HARRISS, foreman.
"M. HORNE,
"J. H. MITCHELL,
"W. B. SAVAGE,
"R. F. WARREN."

"From which decision I dissent on account of not enough evidence given to hold party, C. F. Dowdy.

"JULIUS STERNBERGER."

The finding of the jury was quite a surprise to some and the question immediately arose as to what step would be taken in regard to realeasing or continuing to hold Chas. F. Dowdy in jail. Owing to the fact that he was committed by Justice Harriss, even had the jury brought in a verdict favorable to him, it would not have necessarily meant that he would have been released. However, Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, immediately consulted legal authority and decided that he would not issue a mittimus for Dowdy.

This left the matter squarely up to Magistrate Harriss, who issued the warrant and committed Dowdy to jail and who also served as foreman of the coroner's jury, and the magistrate decided that he would not release Dowdy.

Assistant City Attorney Geo. L. Peschau, on request of the coroner, prepared a full and comprehensive report on the legal points involved in the report of the divided jury, in which he advises the coroner that the jury, being divided on the question of who committed the murder, agreed only up on the fact that the deceased came to his death by violence, and he further advises Dr. Bell not to issue a mittimus. He adds that by the refusal of the coroner to commit Chas. F. Dowdy, on the ground that he is without authority, a justice is not precluded from holding a preliminary hearing and binding him or others to Superior Court if probable cause is found. Mr. Peschau's opinion is as follows:

"Dr. C. D. Bell, coroner:

"Relative to the matter of the inquest on the body of W. R. Dowdy, the outcome of this investigation is unusual. I am advised of no reported case exactly at point. It has heretofore been accepted as law that a coroner issued his process for the apprehension of a party accused, when not in custody, solely upon the inquisition, and his mittimus for sending such a party to jail to await the action of the grand jury was based upon the inquisition.

"Without the intervention of his jury, a coroner has no authority, so far as I am advised, to send a suspected party to jail to await the action of the grand jury. Section 1051 of the Revisal provides that you shall 'forthwith summon a jury of six good and lawful men; whereupon the coroner, upon oath of said jury * * * * shall make inquiry, when, how and by what means deceased person came to his death * * * * and if it shall appear that the deceased was slain, then who was guilty either as principal or accessory, if known, or in any manner the cause of his death. And as many persons as are found culpable, by inquisition in manner aforesaid, shall be taken and delivered to the sheriff and committed to jail, etc.'

"An inquisition as known to our law is a finding of facts by a jury. 'The inquest held by the coroner and his jury, while sitting, is a court, and he (the coroner) is the judge thereof,' says Ashe J., in State vs. Knight, 84, N. C., 793. It would seem to follow then that the power of a coroner as judge to commit a party to jail to await the action of a grand jury should depend upon the findings of his jury. Six men constitute this jury. Five of the jury in the present case, the record of the proceedings and the verdict shown, accuse one C. F. Dowdy as being culpable, the sixth juror fails to agree to so much of the findings as involves the said C. F. Dowdy. The verdict on its face therefore shows that your jury have agreed only upon the death of deceased by violence And I would therefore, advise you to issue no mittimus.

"Except as to the coroner, in the matter of arrests, even a proper verdict by a coroner's jury at best is advisory merely to officers of the law, binds no one as a judgment, has no real probative effect as evidence and can prejudice the right of no one. By your refusal to commit this party on the ground that you are without authority under the circumstances, a justice of the peace is not precluded from holding a preliminary investigation or binding him or others to the Superior Court if probable cause is found.

GEO. L. PESCHAU.

"Dec. 14th, 1911."

The complicated matter was a subject of considerable interest to the lawyers of the city and a number of different opinions were expressed. Many of them thought that the best way to clear up the matter would be to summon another jury and hold a second inquest. Others agreed with Mr. Peschau and still others held that the coroner's jury is a jury of inquisition, similar to a grand jury, and that the majority vote should rule, as it does in the grand jury.

Speaking of the matter last night Foreman Harriss stated that the members of the jury felt that I was a body of inquisition similar to a grand jury, and necessarily could not pass upon guilt or innocence of a defendant, but that they felt, or five of them did, that the evidence was sufficiently strong to hold Chas. F. Dowdy for a competent jury to pass upon his guilt or innocence. He contends that, it being merely a jury of inquisition, similar to a grand jury, that a majority of the votes was sufficient to hold a defendant for a grand jury. A grand jury is composed of 18 men and 12 members are sufficient to find a true bill upon any presentment. In view of this fact Justice Harriss feels that five out of six votes of the coroner's jury, constituting a majority, is sufficient to hold the prisoner.

Late last night Justice Harriss stated that the matter had been referred to City Attorney Geo. L. Peschau and County Attorney Marsden Bellamy for their opinions, and that he was still of the same opinion and would hold Dowdy unless advised that he could not legally do so. He stated that he had no personal desire to hold young Dowdy and that he would prefer to release him, but that he would abide by his opinion and would hold him for preliminary hearing unless advised by competent authorities that he is mistaken in his construction of the law, in which event he says he will willingly accede.

That the officials differ vastly in their opinions is illustrated by the fact that Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, last night remarked to a Star representative that he could see no evidence that would justify the holding of Chas. F. Dowdy.

BACK FROM METROPOLIS

Details Arranged for the Sale of the Municipal Bonds

Returning to the city yesterday morning from a few days' sojourn in New York city, where they went on business in connection with the sale of the remaining $400,000 worth of municipal water and sewerage and street improvement bonds, were City Attorney Herbert McClammy, Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, and Mrs. Chas. N. Evans, president of the Southern National Bank and the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, which institution purchased the bonds, the former securing $300,000 worth and the latter $100,000 worth.

The purpose of the trip to New York was to confer with the law firm of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, attorneys for the purchasers of the bonds, to satisfy them of the legality of the issue. This could have been done by mail, but would have taken considerably more time than required by a personal visit, and the city desires to have the money in its possession by the 1st of January. Capt. Meares went to New York with all the records bearing upon the issue and the information contained therein was so complete that it did not require the firm long to arrive at an opinion, which was to the effect that the firm was satisfied of the validity of the issue.

Capt. Meares and Mr. McClammy then visited a bond engraver and gave the order for the lithographing of the bonds and made arrangements to have the Columbia Trust Company to certify as to the bonds. The bonds will cost the city about $200, which is considerably less than the price quoted by mail, besides should there be an error in the bonds the engravers are to be responsible. The bonds are to be delivered by the 23rd of this month and it is expected Mayor Smith and Capt. Meares will be busy Christmas day attaching their signatures there to, so that the bonds may be returned to New York and the money for them turned over to the city by the 1st of the year.

NEW FIRE DISCOVERED

Broke Out in Another Compartment On Oceana Yesterday

A new fire was discovered yesterday in the cotton cargo of the British steamer Oceana, which put back into port last Saturday, following the discovery of smoke in hold No. 2, this time in the bridge deck compartment, and just when the long fight against the blaze seemed won, it had to be begun all over again. However, those in charge believe that the second fire has been discovered in its incipiency and that they will succeed in suppressing it today. Steam was injected into the compartment all last night.

The new blaze started from heat generated by the other fire, the cotton catching from a hot iron plate. It was supposed yesterday morning that the fire was wholly extinguished, but a little later in the day the second fire was discovered and Captain Ryder and Mr. James Sprunt, representing all the interests involved, immediately took up the fight anew.

There was no sign of fire in the bridge deck compartment Wednesday, and it evidently caught there during the night or early yesterday morning from the heat generated in Hold No. 2 The work of injecting steam into the compartment was started at once and continued all through the day and night, and it is hoped that by morning the fire will be suppressed. When it is extinguished the cotton in that hold will be removed, as was that in Hold No. 2.

In order to insure the safety of the ship the fire department kindly sent one of the engines, which was placed on a flat alongside the ship and which was held in reserve during the night. This step was simply a precautionary measure, as those in charge do not think they will have to use the engine However, they wish to make the situation as free from risk or further trouble as possible.

DIED.

TIETGEN—At his home on Greenville Sound, Thursday at 2:30 P. M., DIEDRICK TIETGEN.

Funeral this (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the home on Greenville Sound; interment in Bellevue cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

MATTERS BEFORE CHAMBER

Regular Meeting Yesterday of Wilmington's Commercial Organization—To Take Up Matters With Railroads.

With a fairly large attendance of the members, the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the president, Mr. M. J. Corbett, presiding. Both Secretary O. F. Cooper and Assistant Secretary Howard B. Branch were present and the latter kept a record of the proceedings. A resolution was adopted approving the bill introduced in Congress by Congressman Godwin providing for an additional appropriation of $300,000 for the proposed new customs house and another advising certain improvements of the government wharf. Another matter to receive attention was a complaint made against the Coast Line for inadequate Pullman service between New York and Wilmington and complaint was also made against the Seaboard Air Line to the effect that the local office is unable to furnish tariffs to local merchants.

The first matter to claim attention was the report of traffic committee with reference to the investigation into the local towage situation, which was inquired into at the suggestion of Capt. L. H. Rand, who was temporarily in charge of the local United States Engineer office. The report, which was published in The Star at the time of the investigation, was made to the Chamber by Mr. J. Allen Taylor, the chairman, and was to the effect that while the two local towing companies have formed a combination it is not an illegal combination. The Chamber adopted the report of the committee.

Mr. B. F. Keith, collector of customs at this port, who has worked insistently for a new customs house, called the attention of the Chamber to the effect that Congressman H. L. Godwin has introduced in the House a bill providing for an additional appropriation of $300,000 to supplement the $300,000 which has already been secured. The bill also provides that the Secretary of the Treasury is also directed to provide, in the construction of said building, suitable rooms for the United States Court and the Army Engineers' office. Copies of the bill have been pretty generally distributed about the city. Mr. Keith offered the following resolution, which, upon motion of Mr. L. B. Rogers, was adopted:

"Whereas, the original appropriation for the purchase of a site and the erection of a customs building in this city, having been found inadequate,

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Chamber of Commerce, here assembled, strongly endorse the bill for $300,000 introduced by Representative Godwin for the additional appropriation needed to erect a building in keeping with the progress and needs of the government at this port.

"Resolved further, That our Representative and Senators be urged to exert their utmost to secure its passage, and that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to them."

Mr. Keith also introduced the following resolution with reference to the improvement of the government wharf in this city and it was likewise unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the Department having under consideration the improvement of the government wharf at this port, the Chamber of Commerce, here assembled, respectfully urge the necessity of its permanent improvement, by placing a cement bulkhead along the entire river front and straightening the wharf by extending it out into the river at Market street dock so it will be the same width as at the Princess street end, as the building of the new custom house and the anticipation of increased business will necessitate better and more permanent wharfage facilities:

"Therefore, be it resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce place itself on record as favoring this permanent improvement and so express itself to the Hon. J. K. Taylor, supervising architect, Treasury Department, Washington."

Mr. Chas. N. Evans suggested that the secretary of the Chamber send to the North Carolina Senators and Congressmen a short statement, giving some vital statistics of this port to be used in connection with the bill for an additional appropriation for the proposed new customs house. The statistics will be forwarded as suggested.

Mr. Evans brought up the matter of the Pullman service between New York City and Wilmington and declared that it is inadequate, saying that he just returned yesterday morning from New York and that he was able only to get an upper berth and that some five or six persons on the same train were unable to get a berth at all. Mr. J. Allen Taylor said that the Atlantic Coast Line and not the Pullman Company, is responsible for this condition. The matter was referred to the traffic committee, of which Mr. Taylor is chairman, and the other members are Messrs. Hugh MacRae and John O. Brown. Mr. Taylor said that the matter would be taken up immediately, and he suggested that it might be well for the committee to urge upon the Seaboard to arrange to provide local merchants with information relative to tariffs. He said that a few days ago a local merchant telephoned to the Seaboard and asked for a rate to a certain point in an adjoining State and then telephoned to the Coast Line and asked the rate to the same point. The Coast Line furnished the rate in a short time, but nothing further was heard from the Seaboard. The committee will also take up this matter with the Seaboard officials. The meeting then adjourned.

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OIL MILLS CASE.

Decision of Supreme Court Upon Appeal from New Hanover.

Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer has the following digest of an opinion by the Supreme Court that is of general interest:

"Probably the most important case decided by the Supreme Court yesterday is Bank vs. Oil Mills, from New Hanover county, involving the question whether a negotiable promissory note issued and signed by the president of a corporation is binding upon the corporation. The opinion is written by Chief Justice Walter Clark, holding that such notes are valid obligations of the corporation.

"The facts in this case were that the Merchants' & Farmers' Bank of Dunn executed its note to the plaintiff bank for $10,000 borrowed money and deposited as collateral security a note which had been executed to it for $10,000 signed "Dunn Oil Mills Company, by J. D. Barnes, president." This note was endorsed to the plaintiff before maturity by the Merchants' & Farmers' Bank of Dunn, "by E. F. Young, president." The Bank of Dunn failing, this suit is brought to collect on the note given as security to the plaintiff. The defendant relied upon a provision in its by-laws, "All other contracts shall be in writing and signed by the president, or vice president, secretary and treasurer." The "secretary and treasurer" being one office, Chief Justice Clark states that "a fair construction of the by-laws is that the writing should be signed by the president or vice president or secretary and treasurer. This note was signed by J. D. Barnes, president. His Honor erred therefore in his intimation that the note in question was not binding upon the Oil Mills Company.

He also states, "but upon the broader question which was argued before us whether, if the by-laws meant to require the secretary and treasurer and the president to sign all contracts, whether the company would be bound by a note signed by its president in the absence of proof that the plaintiff had notice of such by-law, we are of the opinion that the Oil Mills Company is bound by the promissory note which was issued in ordinary course of dealing and signed by its president. Nothing is more common than for a mercantile and negotiable paper to be signed by its president or secretary and treasurer of a corporation."

"The Oil Mills Company elected J. D. Barnes its president and thus put it in his power, according to the usual custom, to sign notes. If he abused his trust the loss must fall upon the company which selected him and put him in that situation. For its own protection the company passed the above by-law. If it intended thereby to prescribe that its note should be signed by the secretary and treasurer as well as by its president or vice president, it was competent for it to make such regulation. But such regulations would not affect the plaintiff bank which took the note for value and before maturity without notice of such regulation and relying upon the usual custom that mercantile paper can be signed by the president or general manager of a corporation. It is no defense against a holder for value without notice that the officer exceeded his authority.

"The general rule that a person dealing with an agent must know the extent of his authority does not apply when dealing with one who is a general agent as the president of a corporation. In such case the burden is upon the principal to show that the other party had notice of a restriction upon the power of the general agent. The promissory note of this corporation was not ultra vires. There is no prohibition in the law against such a corporation issuing its promissory note.

"The true doctrine is stated in Bank vs. Bank, 10 Wallace 64. 'That such acts of an officer of a corporation as are usually performed by that officer are valid as against the corporation in favor of innocent parties, although the act in the particular instance was beyond the authority of the officer.' Banks do not usually issue promissory notes or borrw money, yet they are bound by the act of their cashier in certifying checks falsely."

"The Oil Mills Company had authority to execute promissory notes. The president was ex vi termini its general agent. The plaintiff having taken a promissory note executed by the president of said Oil Mills in regular course, before maturity, for value and without notice of any restriction upon the authority of the president to execute said note, the court below erred in holding that said note was not binding upon said Oil Mills Company. Any other ruling would materially affect dealings in negotiable paper executed by a corporation.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

One Three Month Road Sentence Yesterday—Other Cases.

Preston Busby, colored, drew the only road sentence dished out in the Recorder's court yesterday morning, getting three months for an assault with a deadly weapon upon Richard Spicer, another Afro-American. The case came up from Justice W. McD. Evans' court and Busby was found to have carved Spicer painfully, though not seriously, with a knife.

Vergil Nixon and George Simmons, two would-be jockeys of dusky hue, were charged with fast riding in the city limits. Judgment was suspended on payment of the costs. The negroes indulged in a horse race on Castle street, thereby bringing down upon their kinky heads the righteous wrath of the law.

A nol pros was taken in a case charging Fred Smith and Stephen Gardner with driving hacks without lights when it was shown that the men do not operate their vehicles for hire. One drunk contributed the usual $5 and costs.

A case charging Mr. J. O. Grimes, a merchant of East Wilmington, with receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen, was continued until today, and on request of the State a case against Walter Hayes, colored, charged with larceny, was continued. The man is accused of stealing $23.75 from A. Kazakidis, a Greek. The session was presided over by Recorder Furlong.

Another case of considerable interest which is scheduled to come up today is that against H. Mack Godwin, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon F. H. Jones.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 14.—Ben Posey, a leading criminal lawyer of western North Carolina, died early today at his home in Murphy, of pellagra. He had been suffering from the dread disease for a year or more.

GOLD - GOLD - GOLD

PLENTY OF GOLD

We received Today from the Government Mint at Philadelphia a large shipment of New Gold Coins, in all denominations, for the use of our friends and customers, during the Christmas Holidays.

It is a Pleasure for us to serve you.

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

The Big White Building, Corner Front and Princess Streets.

There Is a Certain Wilmington Bank

which was organized over twenty-three years ago with Capital of $25,000, which has faithfully met every obligation during all of these years; which has paid regular dividends to stockholders, ranging from 6% to 16% per annum, besides accumulating additional Capital of $75,000 out of profits, and a SURPLUS of over $200,000.00. Its new building is thoroughly fireproof and modern in every detail, and offers every up to date facility.

No Reward is Offered you to guess the name of this Bank; every Wilmingtonian is proud of the record of

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.

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Oldest Bank in the City. Largest Savings Bank in the State.

MR. O. F. COOPER RESIGNS.

Gives Up Position as Secretary of Chamber of Commerce.

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce in session yesterday received the resignation of Mr. O. F. Cooper, who has been the very capable secretary of the organization since the 1st of August. Mr. Cooper gives up the position in order to return to his home at Clinton. He asked that his resignation become effective January 1st, but the committee persuaded him to remain in the position until his successor has been elected. It is understood that there are several applicants for the position, one or two of whom have already made formal application. Mr. M. J. Corbett, president of the Chamber, said last night that the committee will meet one day next week for the purpose of considering the election of a successor to Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Cooper has many friends in Wilmington who will regret to learn of his decision to leave the city. They had become to look upon him as a permanent resident here and had hoped that he would remain in his present position.

ARRESTED AS VAGRANTS.

Wholesale Raid of the Underworld District—Trials Today.

On warrants issued by Justice Geo. Harriss; Constable W. B. Savage and Deputy Sheriffs A. L. Kelly and Melvin Horne late Wednesday night and early yesterday morning raided the local underworld district and arrested about 45 keepers or inmates of alleged bawdy houses on charges of vagrancy, under the statutes providing that such people are vagrants under the law. The women were recognized for their appearance before Justice Harriss yesterday afternoon, but at that time he was occupied with other matters and all the cases were continued until today. Most of the women gave bond for their appearance, but several refused to do this and went to jail in default.

Mr. Brady Has Contract

Mr. R. H. Brady has been awarded the contract for erecting the handsome new three-story brick building on the east side of Front, between Orange and Dock streets, for Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy. Mr. H. E. Bonitz has prepared plans for the building, which will be of pressed brick, and cost in the neighborhood of $10,000. It will be modernly fitted and equipped and will be occupied as stores.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy."

OPENING OF TOYLAND

Our Toy Department, covering the Entire Basement Floor, awaits you with a well-selected stock of TOYS. You are cordially invited to inspect our magnificent showing of Holiday Goods, whether you come to buy or not.

Of Gifts that will be appreciated above everything else—because nothing is so appreciated as "Something to Wear."

SANTA CLAUS is growing more practical each year, and, instead of the things that satisfy the eye alone, so common in years gone by, we now witness the giving of those wholesome, useful and practical things which one would buy for himself and which are not only gratefully received on Christmas Day, but are a source of much joy and pleasure for many days to come.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Dolls, Games, Tool Chests, Drums, Guns, Magic Lanterns, Carriages, Trunks, Horns, Trains, Mechanical Toys, Dolls, Houses, Stores.

EVERYTHING DISPLAYED.

Where you can readily inspect the goods and make your selections, however busy we may be.

KIMONOS.

Make a most acceptable present. They are handy, neat and comfortable. $1.00 to $10.00.

GLOVES.

of all kinds are here in vast assortments. Wool Gloves, Kid Gloves, Silk Gloves, 50c. to $3.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

All kinds, from the cheapest to the best—great values at 5c. to $1.00 each.

LADIES' SWEATERS.

Sweaters of quality, very reasonably priced; all color creations, $1.50 to $4.00.

STYLISH NEW HATS.

The latest shapes and shades. The right styles and qualities, at the right prices, $1.50 to $15.00.

For Mother, Grandmother, Sister or Daughter, would be "Just Fine."

Ladies' Suits, $10.00 to $40.00. Misses' Coats, $5.00 to $15.00

Children's Coats, $2.50 to $10.00 Ladies' Coats, $5.00 to $35.00.

SILK NECK SCARFS.

are sensible, serviceable and beautiful, 75c. to $4.00.

BATH ROBES.

and Lounging Robes make excellent gifts. Ours are very attractive this year; $4.00 to $7.50.

HOSIERY.

An immense line of Hosiery in all the shades one can imagine, priced 25c. to $2.00 a pair.

DRESS SKIRTS.

of attractive styles and excellent qualities. They make fine gifts.

UMBRELLAS.

make an attractive gift—they are useful and certain to be appreciated

DRESS GOODS.

are highly appreciated. You will find the correct shades and styles here—25c. to $2.50.

ART SQUARES.

Brussels, Velvet and Axminster Art Squares, $10.00 to $35.00; these are useful presents.

SILVER NOVELTIES.

at reasonable prices. Jewel Boxes, Hair Receivers, Gilt Frames, Pin Holders, Ash Trays and a thousand other novelties which we cannot mention. We invite you to call.

Commence right away to do your Christmas trading; come forenoons, if you can; the sooner you come the better the assortments will be, and then you won't have to hurry. Make selections now; we'll deliver when you want us to. We are showing, by far, the finest collection of desirable gifts for everybody ever shown here.

"The story of Christmas is the story of human sacrifice. The charm of Christmas is the charm of generosity. Sacrifice and generosity go hand in hand in the world-wide willingness of all mankind to give at Christmas time."

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

SOCIETY

Maj. and Mrs. D. O'Connor returned yesterday from a very pleasant visit of several weeks to friends in Wisconsin.

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Mrs. W. Peterson, of Atkinson, is visiting at the home of her father, Mr. E. J. W. Anders, on North Ninth street.

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The Cathedral Sewing Circle will hold a Christmas sale of articles at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Watters, No. 110 Orange street, today, beginning at 9 A. M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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On account of a conflict of dates the Christmas dance of the Sigma Nu fraternity, announced to take place Tuesday night, December 26th, will be held on Christmas night, December 25th. The dance will begin at 9 o'clock.

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Mrs. J. K. Wise will give a dance for her charming daughter, Miss Louise Wise, in the Masonic Temple Thursday evening, December 28th. Invitations will be issued in a few days. The event will be one of the most charming social affairs of the holiday season.

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The second of the series of missionary meeting arranged by the women of the city interested in mission work will be held at St. John's Parish House this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interesting talks on the mission work in the mountains of North Carolina will be made. All women of the city are invited to attend.

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Miss Margaret Quince, a charming debutante of the season, gave an enjoyable card party at the residence of her mother, Mrs. N. H. Quince, No. 18 North Seventh street, Wednesday evening from 8:30 until 11 o'clock. There were present a number of young people and the evening was a most enjoyable one for all.

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Under the auspices of Fifth Street Methodist Church, the "Old Maids' Convention" was given at the Boys' Brigade armory last night. In spite of the disagreeable weather the audience was large and all greatly enjoyed the convention. It was one of the most delightful entertainments of the kind ever given in the city.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet in the association parlors this afternoon for the purpose of arranging for the annual New Year reception which has been such a success in the past and which promises, by reason of the largely increased interest in the work, to be one of the events of the Winter in association circles.

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Invitations reading as follows have been issued:

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Bannerman
request the honor of your
presence at the marriage of their
daughter
Katherine Louise
to
Mr. David Franklin Herring
on the evening of Thursday the
twenty-eighth of December
at half after six o'clock
Presbyterian Church
Burgaw, North Carolina.

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Friends have received invitations reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Anderson
Johnson
Invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter
Daisy Brookin
to
Mr. Herbert Douglas Smith
on Wednesday evening, December the
twenty-seventh
at seven of the clock
Methodist Church
Warsaw, North Carolina.

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QUIET BUT IMPRESSIVE MARRIAGE LAST EVENING.

A quiet but impressive marriage ceremony was solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock at the parsonage of Southside Baptist Church, when Miss Alice Louise Harvey, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. S. Harvey, became the bride of Mr. Jasper J. Waters, of this city, Rev. G. W. Hall, the pastor, officiating. Only a few intimate friends of the young people were present to witness the happy event, and to tender heartiest congratulations upon its conclusion.

Mr. Waters is employed in the grocery store of Mr. W. H. Biddle, on Castle street, and is a young man of sterling worth. His bride is a most charming young woman and both are very popular among a wide circle of friends, to whom they will be at home on Castle, between Seventh and Eighth. Owing to the extremely busy season Mr. Waters is unable to leave his duties just at present, but immediately after Christmas he and Mrs. Waters will leave for a bridal tour to points of interest in the South.

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SURPRISE MARRIAGE OF INTEREST TO MANY FRIENDS

Many friends of the bride and groom in this city will learn with surprise and interest of the marriage of Miss Lura Helen Ingram Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Walton, of St. Augustine, Fla., and Mr. Marvin Harrison Brimmer, a prominent young business man of this city, news of which was received here yesterday through the St. Augustine Evening Record, which contained the following account of the interesting event:

"A very simple marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Jones, pastor of the Methodist church, at Florence, S. C., last Saturday, December 9th, in the parsonage in that city, the contracting parties being Mr. Marvin Harrison Brimmer, of Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Lura Helen Ingram Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Walton, of St. Augustine. Only a few of the most intimate friends of the young couple were present at the wedding, and shortly thereafter the happy couple started for Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

"Mr. Brimmer is a successful young business man of Wilmington. The bride, who has a host of friends in this city with whom she is very popular, has for the past three years been in training at the school for nurses in the James Walker Memorial Hospital at Wilmington where she was very successful in her profession.

"Mr. Brimmer was summoned back to Wilmington on important business matters yesterday, but will return to St. Augustine within the next two or three days, when the wedding trip will be continued to Palm Beach, Miami and Key West."

While many friends of the couple knew that the wedding would take place some time this Winter, none was aware of the plans for a quiet, though romantic marriage, and were, therefore, much surprised yesterday when copies of the paper containing the announcement were received in the city. As neither desired a formal wedding they stole a march on their friends, and a more opportune time could not have been had to carry out their plans, as the young lady was on her way home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents and had just enough time in Florence between trains for the ceremony to be performed.

Mr. Brimmer is a native of Danville, Va., but has made his home in Wilmington for several years, where he enjoys the confidence and esteem of a wide range of friends, who will shower upon him their heartiest congratulations and best wishes. He is manager of the M. H. Brimmer Company, Inc., funeral directors and embalmers, which opened for business at No. 26 North Second street, a short time ago. His bride is a most attractive and highly accomplished young lady, who during her three years' residence in this city, has made many warm friends, who will welcome her most cordially upon her return to Wilmington as Mrs. Brimmer.

LOCAL DOTS.

---Members of the First Presbyterian Church are asked to take their gifts for the children of the Barium Springs Orphanage to the church parlors this afternoon.

—Mr. Oscar Vinje, of Norway, stationed on the revenue cutter Itasca here, and Miss Clara L. Piozet, of Hayettesville, Md., were married yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock by Justice G. W. Bornemann, in his office on Princess street. The young people will make Wilmington their home.

---It was incorrectly stated in yesterday's Star that Deputy Sheriff Melvin Horne was the officer who arrested Chas. F. Dowdy, charged with the murder of his father, W. R. Dowdy. Deputy Horne made the affidavit upon which the warrant was issued but the arrest was made by Constable W. B. Savage.

—The city news room of The Star has received from Mr. James Owen Reilly's real estate agency one of the handsomest calendars of the season. The title of the picture on the calendar, "Goddess of Summer," by Kenyon, is a beautiful girl, handsomely gowned with an armful of roses. It is a fine work of art and will be appreciated by all those who receive one.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mrs. T. J. Brown and Mrs. Geo. F. Jones, of Rocky Point, spent yesterday in the city on a shopping trip.

—Secretary Finch, of the Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A., was in the city yesterday in the interests of the opening of the railroad branch of the Association work in Rocky Mount.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Several Deeds Filed for Record at Court House Yesterday.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: H. F. Wilder and wife to Z. J. Carter, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on northeast corner of Ninth and Wright streets, 116x198 feet in size; R. H. Northrop and others to Stephen Sneeden and wife, for $100 and other considerations, tract in Masonboro township, on west side of Federal Point road, containing about 10.3 acres; R. H. Northrop and others to A. J. Beach and wife, for $100 and other considerations, tract in Masonboro township, on west side of Federal Point road, containing about 8.5 acres; Flora Kendall to U. A. Underwood, for $100 and other considerations, lot on Fifth, 66 feet west of Walnut street, 66x115 feet in size; Fred D. Bear to Daisy Sternberger, for $10 and other considerations, lot on Seventh, 156 feet south of Dock street, 58 1-2x66 feet in size; Hattie M. Mahn to Flora M. Kendall, for $1,900, lot on Fifth street, 66 feet east of Walnut, 66x82 1-2 feet in size; J. Haughton James to Walker Taylor and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on Eighth, 165 feet south of Swann, 33x82 1-2 feet in size; also tract in Harnett township, on north side of Wilmington-Wrightsville macadam road, 175 feet south of Mercer avenue, containing about 30.15 acres; Harriett Hill to D. R. Foster, for $10 and other considerations, tract in Cape Fear township on Nixonville road, containing about 9 acres.

MR. RICHARD TIETGEN DEAD.

Passed Away Suddenly on Greenville Sound Yesterday.

Mr. Richard Tietgen, who for the past year or two has been making his home with his brothers, Messrs. Charles and Hammond Tietgen, on Greenville Sound, being engaged in fishing, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock of heart trouble. He had just landed from a fishing trip in the sound when he became suddenly ill and expired in a few moments. During the past month he has had two or three attacks of heart trouble.

Mr. Tietgen was 59 years old and unmarried. He came to this country from Germany with his brothers some 30 years ago and made his home in Florida for more than 30 years, coming here to live only a year or so ago. During his short stay in this county he made many friends who will be pained to learn of his death. The funeral services will be held from the residence at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. Dr. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Black, Navy and Brown Corduroy Velvet at 98c. a yard, just received at Rehder's. **

PENSION CHECKS ARRIVE

Being Distributed at the Office of Clerk of Superior Court

The annual pension checks given to veterans of the war Between the States or their widows, by the State of North Carolina, have arrived and are being distributed at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, in the Court House.

The total amount to be distributed this year in New Hanover county is $4,284, and is divided into the following classes: Second class soldiers, two; third class soldiers, three; fourth class soldiers, 71; widows, 63. The second class soldiers draw $60 a year; the third class, $48; the fourth class, $30 a year, and the widows, $30 a year.

Quite a number of the veterans or widows of veterans called yesterday afternoon and received their checks, and it is expected that today will see many callers at the office of the clerk, Col. John D. Taylor.

COLLECTIONS ARE SLOW

People Not Accustomed to Paying City for Sanitary Work

Collection of the fees for scavenging the city having been placed in the department of accounts and finances, Special Officer N. J. Williams has been assigned to the work and made his first trip out yesterday. He found it not an easy matter to make collections, due mostly to a misunderstanding among the persons for whom work has been done, they being under the impression that the city continues to do the work free of cost. The health officers were notified yesterday to inform all the owners of the sanitary service that they will be expected to pay the city for the work. Another reason that it is hard to collect money for work now is the nearness to the Christmas season. Many of those who have to pay for the work are poor people and they feel that they need all their small coin for Christmas.

Left Holes In Street

Councilman P. Q. Moore, in charge of the Department of Streets and Wharves, yesterday called the attention to Mayor Smith to the fact that the Southern Bell Telephone Co., neglected to put the dirt back in to post holes they dug some days ago for the purpose of replacing two telephone poles, being stopped from putting down the poles by Mayor Smith because they had not paid the special license tax according to the tax ordinance. Mayor Smith immediately notified the police department and it is presumed that the telephone company was notified that the earth must be put back at once.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, Winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-stores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of burns, boils, piles, cuts, sores, bruises, eczema and sprains. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

An appropriate gift for the school girl is the Bestyett Rubberized Raincoat, $3.75 at Rehder's. **

BASKETBALL GAMES TONIGHT.

Two Contests Scheduled Between Boys' Brigade Teams.

Two basketball games will be played in the gymnasium of the Boys' Brigade armory this evening. One game will be between the Athletics and the Tigers and the other between the Pirates and th Giants. The line-up of the teams will be as follows: Athletics—King and Dixon, forwards; Kure, center; McCartney and Register, guards. Tigers—Branch and Fergus, forwards; Fick, center; Sholar and Kerman, guards. Pirates—Cameron and K. Register, forwards; Kerman, Gerdes, center; R. Burnett, and J. H. Gerdes, guards. Giants—C. C. Davis and Burriss, forwards; C. W. Davis, center; Louis Davis, and Williams, guards.

The game will begin at 8:15 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend. Mr. Chas. Dushan will referee; Mr. Levi Walton will score and Mr. K. Davis will be time-keeper.

Infant Daughter Passes

Friends and relatives in this city of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Peterson will tenderly sympathize with them in the death of their infant daughter, Bertha Hazel, which occurred at the family home near Atkinson, Sunday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. J. Dobson and the interment was in the family burying ground near Atkinson. Little Hazel was a bright and beautiful baby, and the sorely bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A.

The local Y. M. C. A. has received an invitation to the opening of the Rocky Mount Railroad Y. M. C. A., which will take place Monday, December 18th, at 8 o'clock. The association has always been popular with railroad men all over the country and those who run into and are employed in Rocky Mount will welcome the opening of the building.

A Married Woman's Right to Rule

(Ella Ellis in The Arch.)

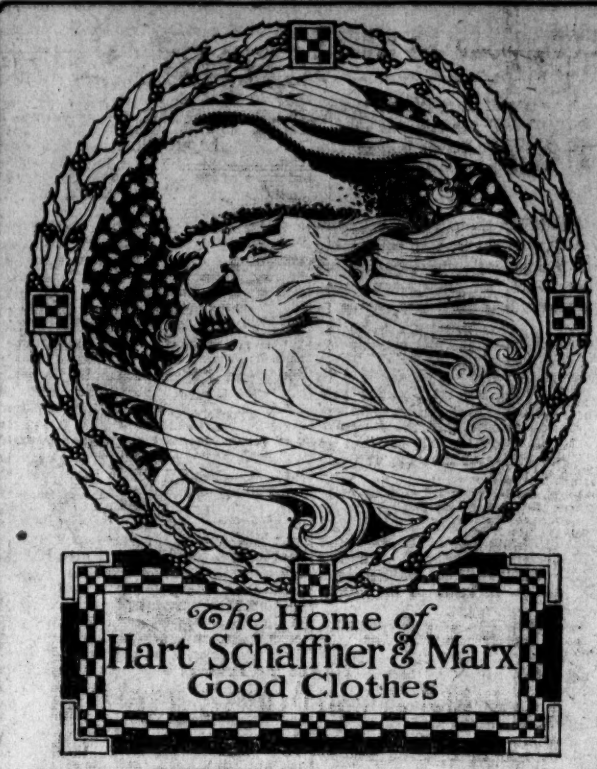
"It is cruel to say it, but only the woman who takes care to preserve her youthful charm has a right to rule her husband's heart. She should never neglect her hair or complexion.

"The hair can be kept light and fluffy and beautifully lustrous by dry shampooing. Mix four ounces of therox with four ounces of powdered orris root or four ounces of cornmeal, whichever you prefer. Sprinkle on the head and brush through the hair.

"To keep the skin soft and lovely, and prevent the growth of hair gently massage the face, neck and arms daily with a solution made by dissolving an original package of mayatone in eight ounces of witch hazel. This is better than powder.

"Mother's Salve will remove chaps, cold sores, eczema and skin eruptions. It is a reliable cure for coughs, colds and catarrh, as well the best salve for sores, cuts, burns and scalds."

Solid gold cuff links, scarf pins and tie clasp. Lockets and neck chains are some of my leaders. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street. de 3-tf.



"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year," says the old song. It's too bad it doesn't come more frequently for our pleasure and the pleasure we give; for the joy and good will which the season brings and cultivates; but maybe once a year is enough for our pocketbooks.

You'll find this store particularly a place where suitable Christmas gifts for men may be had; we're giving you a small list of them here, just as a hint of what you'll find here; there are a lot more not in this list that are waiting for you here.

Men's Clothing.
Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats.
Hart, Schaffner & Marx Full Dress or Tuxedo Suits.

House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes.
These things any man is glad to possess; we have a large variety of them.

Neckwear.
Four-in-Hands; String or Batwing Bows; Knit Silk Ties, a big variety from 25 cents up to $2.50.

Suspenders.
A great variety, 25 cents up. Fine ones of Silk, in boxes, 50 cents up.

Hosiery.
All colors, all grades, from fine cottons at 25 cents, up to pure silk at 50 cents up. Pure silk hose and tie to match in individual boxes.

Handkerchiefs.
You don't expect a good linen Handkerchief at less than 25 cents; from that up to pure silk at $1 and more.

Gloves.
All kinds of gloves; for dress, for driving, for work, for warmth; We can supply any need. Dress gloves up to $2.50. Fur lined gloves up to $5.

Men's Jewelry.
Studs, cuff links, pins, sets, links and pins to match, full dress sets. You can get almost anything you want here, from 50 cents up.

Leather Goods.
Small boxes for holding pins and studs, collar and cuff bags, suit cases. You'll find inexpensive nice things among them, as well as the finest possible.

Sweaters, Sweater Coats, Mufflers

Shirts, Night Shirts, Pajamas.

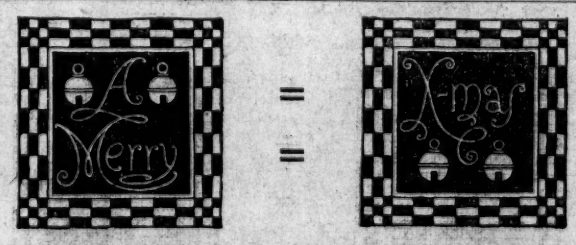
Hats. Caps.

Fancy Waistcoats.
Many new and beautiful weaves, colors and patterns.

Umbrellas.
Fine ones covered with pure silk, richly mounted, $3.50 up. Other good ones from $1 up.

Special Note.
In any goods where the right size is important, if you don't know the size, and can't find out, we'll help you; and anything that isn't right may be returned.

When you're trying to think of something to give a man for Christmas think of this man's store; we'll help you all we can.



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Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET MORE ACTIVE

Close Was Firm With a Gain of Several Points—Cotton Arriving From the South More Freely on Contract.

New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market was more active and decidedly firmer today on covering of shorts and continued buying for a reaction, with December leading the advnce, and with the market closing firm at a net gain of 10@24 points.

The opening was steady, at unchanged prices to an advance of four points in sympathy with steady cables and immediately showed a tendency to work higher on covering by December shorts, foreign trade buying and rumors of bullish ginning returns for the first period of December. After showing a net advance of about 9@18 points during the noon hour, the market had a quick reaction of 5 or 6 points on Memphis wires reporting that returns to the National Ginners' Association indicated 950,000 bales of cotton ginned between December 1 and December 13, or about 13,764,000 bales for the season to the latter date, but the market quickly firmed up again on continued covering and in the late trading showed a net advance of 26 points on December, and of 17@19 points on later deliveries. The close was within 2 or 2 points of the best.

The feature of the day appeared to be the nervousness of the December short interest.

Cotton has been arriving here from the South for delivery on contract a little more freely of late, and it is estimated that stock available for contract delivery which is now in the neighborhood of 68,000 bales will be increased to fully 125,000 by the first of January, by the action of today's market, suggested that the cotton now heading here was not an adequate protection for the short interest and the fear of a December squeeze appeared to promote more or less general covering in the later months. Reports received here from Galveston claimed the interior was offering cotton more freely, but other reports were received indicating firmness among holders and the day's advance may have been partly due to a feeling of preholiday liquidation of spot holdings in the South, and had not materialized in line with bearish predictions.

Receipts today, 61,630, against 65,177 last week and 73,000 last year. Today's receipts at Galveston, 13,428, against 17,983 last year; at New Orleans, 11,447, against 18,751 last year; at Houston, 13,000 against 10,779 last year.

Spot, quiet, 25 points higher at close; middling uplands, 9.45; middling gulf, 9.70. Sales, 2,500 bales.

Futures closed firm.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	8.61	8.79	8.61	8.77
Feb	8.64	....	....	8.82
March	8.73	8.90	8.72	8.88
April	8.75	8.75	8.92	
May	8.84	9.01	8.84	9.01
June	8.86	....	....	9.05
July	8.95	9.12	8.94	9.11
Aug	8.98	8.98	8.98	9.15
Sept	8.92	9.11	9.11	9.17
Oct	9.07	9.20	9.07	9.20
Nov	9.10	....	....	9.23
Dec	8.98	9.21	8.98	9.20

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 9 5-16; net receipts, 13,428; gross receipts, 13,428; sales, 1,956; stock, 457,658; Great Britain, 10,883; coastwise, 5,367.

New Orleans—Firm, 9¼; net receipts, 11,447; gross receipts, 11,447; sales, 4,550; stock, 272,968; Great Britain, 16,014.

Mobile—Net receipts, 1,787; gross receipts, 1,787; stock, 83,430; France, 6,665; constwise, 522.

Savannah—Quiet, 8 11-16; net receipts, 11,032; gross receipts, 11,032; sales, 6,882; stock, 280,131; France, 6,277; continent, 10,654; constwise, 42.

Charleston—Steady, 8⅞; net receipts, 2,926; gross receipts, 2,926; stock, 70,545; constwise, 1,100.

Wilmington—Steady, 8⅝; net receipts, 5,636; gross receipts, 5,636; stock, 29,033; constwise, 200.

Norfolk—Steady, 9; net receipts, 5,267; gross receipts, 5,267; sales, 1,631; stock, 65,524; constwise, 4,102.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9¼; gross receipts, 1,000; stock, 8,883; Great Britain, 8,077; France, 3,775; continent, 635; constwise, 1,553.

New York—Quiet, 9.45; gross receipts, 3,310; sales, 2,500; stock, 114,254; Great Britain, 8,077; France, 3,775; constwise, 1,553.

Boston—Nominal, 9.45; net receipts, 1,074; gross receipts, 4,825; stock, 20,189.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.70; stock, 3,135.

Brunswick—Stock, 8,676.

Gulfport—Stock, 11,413.

Texas City—Net receipts, 8,499; gross receipts, 8,499; stock, 86,100; Great Britain, 12,049; Mexico, 885.

Jacksonville—Net receipts, 534; gross receipts, 534; constwise, 534.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 61,630; Great Britain, 47,033; France, 16,717; continent, 11,289; Mexico, 885; stock, 1,492,845.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 354,571; Great Britain, 101,335; France, 20,132; continent, 120,454; Japan, 5,450; Mexico, 885.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,216,510; Great Britain, 1,897,339; France, 527,517; continent, 1,770,562; Japan, 97,174; Mexico, 3,235.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 9¼; net receipts, 13,000; gross receipts, 13,000; shipments, 10,250; sales, 2,973; stock, 176,826.

Augusta—Steady, 8⅞; net receipts, 3,030; gross receipts, 3,085; shipments, 2,180; sales, 2,809; stock, 85,097.

Memphis—Steady, 9¼; net receipts, 7,079; gross receipts, 10,042; shipments, 5,253; sales, 3,100; stock, 196,541.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9⅜; net receipts, 1,500; gross receipts, 10,873; shipments, 10,007; stock, 26,205.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 1,800; gross receipts, 1,800; shipments, 1,935; stock, 9,395.

Little Rock—8⅜; net receipts, 1,404; gross receipts, 1,404; shipments, 1,068; stock, 4,927.

Louisville—Firm, 9¼.

Total today—Net receipts, 27,632; gross receipts, 40,813; shipments, 30,850; sales, 8,882; stock, 537,012.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Spot, good business done; prices unchanged to 2 points lower; American middling fair, 5.56; good middling, 5.18½; middling, 4.94; low middling, 4.78; good ordinary, 4.62; ordinary, 4.42. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales of which 1,500 were for speculation and export and included 9,700 American. Receipts, 39,000, including 31,900 American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed steady. Dec., 4.82; Dec. and Jan., 4.82; Jan. and Feb., 4.82½; Feb. and Mar., 4.84; Mar. and Apr., 4.85; Apr. and May, 4.87; May and June, 4.89; June and July, 4.91; July and Aug., 4.93; Aug. and Sept., 4.94; Sept. and Oct., 4.94½; Oct. and Nov., 4.95.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—Money on call, steady, at 3½@4 per cent.; ruling rate, 4; closing bid, 3½; offered at 3½. Time loans, firmer; sixty days, 4¼ per cent. and ninety days, 4@4¼; six months, 4@4¼. Prime mercantile paper, 4¼@4½ per cent.; sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.83 for sixty-day bills and at 4.86:30 for ninety days bills, and at 4.86:40 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.82¼; bar silver, 55; Mexican dollars, 46.

Weather Disagreeable?

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MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Bengrove (Br.), 2,389 tons, Barber, Bremen, Ger., Heide & Co.

Str. Lyon, Edge, Fayetteville, S. M. King.

Str. Lisbon, Wilson, Elizabethtown, J. W. Brooks.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. W. Brooks.

Cleared.

Schr. Augustus Welt, 1,111 tons, Sproul, Port Tampa, Fla., C. D. Maffitt.

Str. Lyon, Edge, Fayetteville, S. M. King.

Str. Lisbon, Wilson, Elizabethtown, J. W. Brooks.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. W. Brooks.

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List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

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Bengrove (Br.), 2,389 tons, Barber, Heide & Co.

Vizcaina (Br.), McArthur, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Appenine (Br.), 2,306 tons, Evans, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Lovland (Nor.), 1,463 tons, Terjesen, Heide & Co.

Glenmay (Br.), 1,575 tons, Richards, Heide & Co.

Pentwyn (Br.), 2,165 tons, Motyer, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Edward R. Baird, Jr., 263 tons, Calhoun, C. D. Maffitt.

John W. Hall, 329 tons, Bennett, J. S. Williams.

Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett, C. D. Maffitt.

White Wings, 624 tons, Coombs, C. D. Maffitt.

Augustus H. Babcock, 1,229 tons, Quinlin, C. D. Maffitt.

Herbert May, 321 tons, Black, C. D. Maffitt.

Stephen G. Loud, 40 tons, Hart, C. D. Maffitt; in distress.

Barges.

Potomac, 773 tons, Fisher, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 14, 1911.

Atlantic Coast Line—4,081 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 3 barrels tar; 22 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—1,555 bales cotton; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Isabelle—8 casks spirits turpentine.

Total—5,636 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 3 barrels tar; 25 barrels crude turpentine.

Total last year—738 bales cotton; 20 casks spirits turpentine; 214 barrels rosin; 136 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Dec. 14.—Flour, quiet and about steady.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Rye—Dull.

Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Quiet. No. 2, red, 95⅝, elevator, export basis, and 97⅛, f.o.b. afloat. Options closed ¼ net lower; December, 95⅞; May, 1.01⅞.

Corn—Dull. Export, new, 69, f.o.b. afloat. Options, nominal.

Oats—Spot, steady. Options, nominal.

Lard and Tallow—Quiet.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Rice—Firm.

Sugar—Raw, steady.

Coffee—Futures closed steady, at a net advance of 2@9 points. Spot coffee, steady; Rio, No. 7, 14⅝; Santos, No. 4, 14⅝@16; mild, quiet; Cordova, 16½@18½, nominal.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm.

Eggs—Firm.

Potatoes—Steadier; Southern late crop, per barrel, 2.50@2.75; British, 1.68 pound bags, 2.35@2.50.

Cabbage—Firm. Danish seed, per ton, 20.00@25.00; domestic, 14.00@19.00.

Freights—Firm. Cotton by steam to Liverpool, 30c.

Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—The market was firm, early, on covering due to less pressure on crude offerings and eased off a little under realizing, but again rallied on Western buying and closed firm, at 2 to 8 points net advance. Dec., 5.36@5.38; Jan., 5.33@5.34; Feb., 5.33@5.36; Mar., 5.38@5.39; Apr., 5.41@5.44. Prime crude, 4.10@4.23; do. Summer yellow, 5.35@5.40; prime Winter yellow, 5.75@6.25; do. Summer white, 5.50@5.75.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady, 48¾ cents.

ROSIN—Steady, $5.90.

TAR—Firm at $1.80 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.50 per barrel for hard; $4.50 for dip, and $4.50 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, nothing doing; tar, firm, $2.00; crude turpentine, firm, at $4.50@$6.00.

Receipts:

Spirits Turpentine	10
Rosin	(—)
Tar	3
Crude Turpentine	25

Receipts same day last year, 20 casks spirits turpentine; 214 barrels rosin; 136 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Dull, 8¾.

Same day last year, nothing doing.

Receipts, 5,636 bales; same day last year, 738 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 14.)

CORN—Firm; .85 to .87½c. per bu.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, 80c. per bu.; yams, 60c. per bu.

BEEF—On foot, dull, .03@.04 per lb.

PORK—7c. to 9c.

WOOL—Burry, .11@.12c. per lb.; free of burr, 17 to 18 per lb.

HIDES—Green, .08 to .08½ per lb.; dry, 14 to 15c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; 27 per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; .04½@.05 per lb.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 18c. on foot. Chickens, grown, 40 to 45 per head; chickens, spring, 20@40c. per head. Geese, 65 to 70c. per head.

SHEEP—No sales.

EGGS—Fair demand, 24@25 per doz.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 14.

North Carolinas, strong. Virginias, and Spanish, quiet and steady.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.20; machine-picked, $1.15.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, 95c.; machine-picked, 90c.

Virginia—Prime hand-picked, 75c.; machine-picked, 70c.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach troubles is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

HIGH FIGURES IN STOCKS

Spectacular Trading Was Done Yesterday—Highest Figures Since September in Early Part of Day—Bonds Irregular

New York, Dec. 14.—United States Steel again was the center of the stage today. Trading in this stock was spectacular in the early part of the day. Excited operators ran up the price to 68, the highest figure since last September, and a gain from yesterday of 1⅝. Within the first fifteen minutes transactions in this issue amounted to 135,000 shares. By the end of the first hour the total had been swollen to 202,000 shares. After that, the pace was more moderate. The price eased off until the gain had been virtually eliminated and during the remainder of the day movements were narrower. The day's business was the largest of several weeks, with a total of 337,000 shares of United States Steel and 868,000 shares of other stocks.

The general market responded in rather an unwilling manner to the rise in United States Steel. Gains were only fractional when the steel shares were selling around 68 and it was evident that the spurt in the market leader was being used to facilitate the selling of other stocks.

When United States Steel fell back the whole market declined, some stocks falling under yesterday's close.

The feverish bidding for United States Steel was ascribed largely to short covering. It was apparent that the Steel bears had become thoroughly alarmed by the course of the market this week and were closing out their contracts on the best terms they could obtain. The whole movement, however, was based upon better trade prospects. Latest reports of conditions were in line with the recent favorable showing. Most important were the further indications that the railroads are now coming into the market generally for rails as well as other equipment. Officials of the United States Steel Corporation spoke more hopefully of prospects and the belief became more general that a genuine improvement in business conditions might soon be observed definitely. The copper stocks made further gains in response to another advance in the price of the metal, which is now at the highest level of a long period.

American Tobacco continued its advance on the curb, selling at the highest price on record. The new stocks of the American Tobacco subsidiaries were listed on the Stock Exchange today. Trading in these issues was active, although prices were virtually unchanged from those which have prevailed on the curb.

The bond market was irregular, with trading on a large scale. Total sales, par value, $4,892,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales, 868,300 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers, pfd	8
Amalgamated Copper	65
American Agricultural	59⅝
American Beet Sugar	54⅜
American Can	11
American Car and Foundry	54½
American Cotton Oil	44
American Hide and Leather, pfd	21
American Ice Securities	19
American Linseed	9⅝
American Locomotive	36
American Smelting and Refining	73½
American Smelting and Refining, pfd	104¼
American Steel Foundries	33½
American Sugar Refining	115½
American Tel and Tel	139⅞
American Tobacco, pfd	103½
American Woolen	25¾
Anaconda Mining Co	38⅜
Atchison	106¼
Atchison, pfd	103⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	137½
Baltimore and Ohio	102⅝
Bethlehem Steel	29½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77
Canadian Pacific	240
Central Leather	20⅝
Central Leather, pfd	90⅝
Central of New Jersey	305
Chesapeake and Ohio	74⅛
Chicago and Alton	18
Chicago Great Western	20
Chicago Great Western, pfd	37½
Chicago and North Western	142⅜
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	111
C., C., C. and St. Louis	59½
Colorado Fuel and Iron	28⅜
Colorado and Southern	46
Consolidated Gas	139
Corn Products	10⅜
Delaware and Hudson	167
Denver and Rio Grande	21⅜
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	45½
Distillers' Securities	31⅝
Erie	32½
Erie, 1st pfd	52⅜
Erie, 2nd pfd	42¼
General Electric	154
Great Northern, pfd	128⅞
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35
Illinois Central	141½
Interborough-Met	15
Interborough-Met., pfd	47½
Inter Harvester	107¼
Inter-Marine, pfd	17⅝
International Paper	9⅞
International Pump	33¼
Iowa Central	16
Kansas City Southern	29½
Kansas City Southern, pfd	66
Laclede Gas	104½
Louisville and Nashville	155½
Minneapolis and St. Louis	32
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	134
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	29⅞
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	64
Missouri Pacific	39½
National Biscuit	139
National Lead	51½
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	33⅞
New York Central	106⅞
New York, Ontario and Western	39¼
Norfolk and Western	108½
North American	73½
Northern Pacific	118⅝
Pacific Mail	31⅜
Pennsylvania	122⅝
People's Gas	103
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	95
Pittsburg Coal	17⅛
Pressed Steel Car	33
Pullman Palace Car	157
Railway Steel Spring	30
Reading	152½
Republic Steel	24½
Republic Steel, pfd	85
Rock Island Co	24⅞
Rock Island Co., pfd	46⅜
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	41
St. Louis Southwestern	31½
St. Louis Southwestern, pfd	71
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	41
Southern Pacific	112⅜
Southern Railway	20⅜
Southern Railway, pfd	71⅜
Tennessee Copper	37
Texas and Pacific	22½
Toledo, St. Louis and Western	13
Toledo, St. L. and Western, pfd	37½
Union Pacific	174
Union Pacific, pfd	93
United States Realty	68⅛
United States Rubber	47½
United States Steel	66⅞
United States Steel, pfd	110⅞
Utah Copper	52⅜
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	54⅝
Wabash	7⅝
Wabash, pfd	17¾
Western Maryland	60½
Westinghouse Electric	66½
Western Union	79
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4⅛

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 14.—Turpentine, firm, at 48½@49; sales, 550; receipts, 328; shipments, 166; stocks, 40,802.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 2,261; receipts, 3,089; shipments, none; stocks, 127,606. Quote: B, 6.60; D, 6.65; E, 6.67½@6.70; F, G, H, 6.70; I, 6.70@6.75; K, 7.00; M, 7.05; N, 7.25; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

Charleston, Dec. 14.—Turpentine, steady, at 49¾.

Rosin—Firm. Quote: B, 6.52½@6.55; D, 6.55@6.65; E, F, 6.60@6.65; G, 6.62½@6.65; H, 6.62½@6.67½; I, 6.62½@6.65; K, 7.00; M, .90@7.05; N, 7.25; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

New York, Dec. 14.—Rosin, steady. Turpentine, easy.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 15, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 50 degrees; at 8 P. M., 53 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 3.8 feet.

Rainfall for the day, .09 inch; for the month, .09 inch.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Friday and probably Saturday; variable winds; brisk over northeast.

ADVISORY WARNING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Advisory, 9:30 P. M.—Some indications of development of a disturbance off northeast North Carolina coast. Caution advised until morning.

MOORE.

Port Calendar—Dec. 15.

Sun rises	7:10 A. M.
Sun sets	5:01 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.
High water at Southport	4:38 P. M.
High water at Wilmington	7:38 P. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 14, 1911.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest Today	Temperature: Lowest Last Night.	24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M.
Abilene	cloudy	48	40	.0
Asheville	raining	46	44	.06
Atlanta	raining	56	54	.08
Augusta	cloudy	58	56	.02
Birmingham	cloudy	64	56	.04
Boston	pt cldy	44	34	.0
Charleston	cloudy	58	56	.02
Charlotte	raining	44	44	.12
Chicago	clear	38	34	.0
Galveston	raining	52	48	1.38
Jacksonville	clear	78	64	.01
Memphis	raining	44	38	.86
Mobile	raining	70	58	.04
Montgomery	cloudy	70	58	.01
New Orleans	cloudy	76	62	.01
New York	cloudy	44	34	.01
Palestine	raining	46	46	.70
Oklahoma	clear	48	32	.0
Pittsburg	raining	42	32	.26
Raleigh	cloudy	46	44	.12
Savannah	cloudy	58	58	.06
Shreveport	raining	—	44	1.06
St. Louis	cloudy	36	30	.0
Washington	cloudy	42	36	.0

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The approach of Christmas thinned the crowd today on 'change and let prices ease off a little all around. At the end of the session wheat was down ⅝ to ⅝@½c.; corn, off ¼@⅝ to ⅝; oats, ⅜@½ to ⅝, and hog products, 2½@5 to 10c.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 95@96; No. 3, red, 93@94; No. 2, hard, 96½@1.00; No. 3, hard, 94@98; No. 1, northern, 1.00@1.08; No. 2, northern, 1.05@1.07; No. 3, northern, 1.02@1.05; No. 3, Spring, 1.00@1.03; No. 3, Spring, 95@1.02; No. 4, Spring, 85@1.00; velvet chaff, 90@1.04; durum, 90@1.03.

Corn—No. 1, 60@60¼; old, 69@69½; No. 1, yellow, 60½@61; No. 4, 57½@58½; No. 1, white, 58@59; No. 4, yellow, 58@58¾.

Oats—No. 2, white, 48¼@49½; No. 3, white, 47¼@48¼; No. 4, white, 46½@48¼; standard, 48@49.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	93½	93½	93	93⅜
May	97⅝	97⅝	97¼	97½
July	94¼	94⅝	94	94
Corn:				
Dec	63	63	62⅝	62⅝
May	63⅞	63⅞	63⅝	63¼
July	63¾	63⅞	63⅝	63⅝
Oats:				
Dec	47½	47½	46⅝	46⅝
May	49¼	49¼	48½	48⅝
July	46⅛	46¼	45½	45⅝
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
May	16.00	16.00	15.95	15.97½
July	16.15	16.15	16.07½	16.07½
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	9.00	9.05	9.00	9.05
May	9.30	9.30	9.25	9.30
July	9.40	9.40	9.37½	9.40
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	8.22½	8.22½	8.17½	8.20
May	8.50	8.50	8.47½	8.47½
July	8.52½	8.52½	8.47	8.50

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—Both the primary and secondary cotton goods markets were quiet during the day. Cotton yarns were dull but firm. Raw silks showed a downward tendency on the Japan market. Staple overcoatings were opened for 1912 season by the American Woolen Company. The demand for dress goods was not so active as last week.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 9.

Spanish—Quiet, at 80c. per bush.

Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c per lb. Fancy hand-picked, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb.; Extra prime, 3½ to 3⅝c. per lb.; Prime, 3c.; Machine picked, 3 to 3¼c. per lb.

THE CROP REPORTING SYSTEM.

Says That United States Has Best System of Any Country.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The crop reporting system employed by the United States Department of Agriculture is "far in advance of that of any other country," in the opinion of Victor H. Olmstead, chief statistician of the department, as expressed in his annual report just issued. He says that he has found that "the crop reporting systems of European countries contain no feature or cover no range better or broader than the system in use here."

An important feature was added during the past year to the crop reporting system of the bureau," he says, "to-wit: the quantitative interpretation of the figures indicating the condition of growing crops for which quantitative estimates are made at the close of each year.

"Of the leading crops for which quantitative interpretations of conditions are made, all are included except the cotton crop. In the case of cotton, it is impossible to interpret the condition figures because of the fact that an important element necessary to such an interpretation is lacking, to-wit: the abandoned acreage of cotton. This cannot be ascertained until the close of the season."

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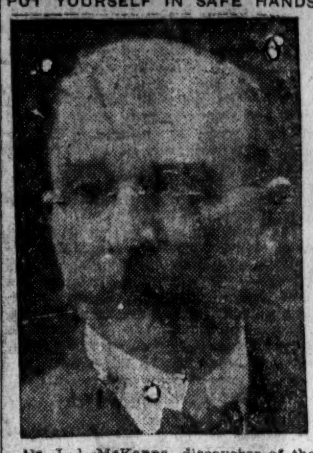

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Pursuant to the direction and power contained in the last will and testament of William H. Stone, deceased, late of Brunswick county, North Carolina, the undersigned executors of the said last will and testament will on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1911, at Southport, at the Court House door, in Brunswick county, North Carolina, at 12:30 o'clock P. M., sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidders, all of the real property of the said William H. Stone, situated in Shallotte Township, Brunswick County.

Pursuant to the provisions of said will, the said lands will be divided into four equal parts and each part will be sold separately.

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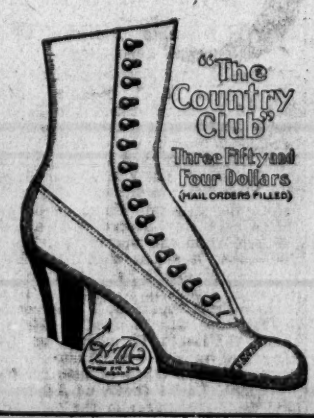

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TEXT OF REPORT.

Congress Gets Short Message Bearing on the Maine Explosion.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Taft today sent to Congress a brief formal message transmitting the full text of the report of the Investigating board, which found that the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an external explosion. The board was headed by Admiral Vreeland of the navy and included Col. Wm. M. Black, of the corps of engineers of the army. It began work on the exposed wreck at Havana on November 20th and found that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of a low form of explosive exterior to the ship between frames 28 and 31, port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reverse magazine. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the remaining forward magazines followed.

The board in its report emphasized the fact that it found that what is called the port garboard strake—a continuous line of planking running from stem to stern—was "dished upwards as much as 24 inches from a straight line" and that another strake, technically called "C", was displaced "upwards and inwards for 100 square feet", and that part of the inner bottom plating was "displaced and left approximately six feet above its original position."

The destruction wrought by the two "explosions of distinctly different character" was found to be much more extensive than had been anticipated. The report in technical terms described how plates were crumpled, how some portions of what had once been a great battleship were turned inside out and how parts of the bottom works generally were displaced.

"The debris of one-pounders, six-pounders, six-inch and ten-inch ammunition were found widely scattered through the wreck," said the report. "The location of much of this material bore little relation to its original stowage condition. Powder tanks were torn asunder or crushed and flattened.

"The condition of the vertical keel and flat keel at frame No. 18 was ascribed by the court of inquiry of 1898"—the year of the war with Spain that followed the blowing up of the Maine—"to the direct effect of an explosion exterior to the ship in that vicinity.

"Because of its better opportunity for a detailed examination of this wreckage now fully exposed the present board concluded that the external explosion which ignited the magazines was not in the vicinity of this frame '18'

"The protective deck and hull of the ship," said the report, "formed a closed chamber in which the gases were generated and partially expanded before rupture."

The bow portion of the Maine was found pointed nose downward in the mud to port, and is lying on its starboard side. The upper part of that portion of the ship in the vicinity of the forward magazine was entirely swept away. Only about one-half of the bottom was left in position.

"The main explosion occurred almost 14 years ago. In that disaster two officers and 264 of her crew perished."

The report perfunctorily was ordered printed and referred to the naval affairs committee of the two houses.

GREENSBORO'S RETRENCHMENT

Economies Being Practiced in Several City Departments.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 14.—Commissioners of Greensboro held one of the most important sessions yesterday afternoon that has been held since Greensboro, one of the comparatively few cities of this size in the country, went under the commission form of government. Heretofore the public schools of Greensboro were under a school committee or board; now the schools are directly under the control of the board of commissioners. Heretofore the schools have been conducted similar as regards pay of teachers as for instance Asheville and other cities; that is the teachers were paid for 12 months in the year which includes three months during the Summer vacation. At yesterday afternoon's sessions there was serious discussion relative to a change in this manner. It was proposed that the teachers be paid for only the school months and not during vacation. It was pointed out at the meeting that to pay the teachers for three month's work which was not performed during the Summer months was not business and that Greensboro now has a business administration. While no definite action was taken it is probable that the commissioners will adopt the business-like plan of paying teachers only for school months. That would mean a saving of $10,000 annually in the event that no increase was made in the present monthly salaries of teachers. It is probable that an increase will be made, however, but possibly not to so large an amount as $10,000. In the event that the plan of "pay for work performed" is adopted the commissioners will be able to save probably $5,000 annually. Another interesting matter disposed of was the abolishing of the offices of quarantine officer, city physician and superintendent of health. These three offices are at present filled by Dr. A. R. Wilson. The abolishment of these offices is effective January 1st. The duties now performed by Dr. Wilson, who is paid an annual salary of $1,000, will be redistributed and become directly under the control of the commissioner of public safety. It is contended that there is not sufficient work connected with the office held by Dr. Wilson to justify a salary of $1,000. The board of commissioners of Greensboro is determined to conduct the affairs of the city along strict business-like methods and to demonstrate that the commission form of government is all that its advocates claim for it. Thus far they have been successful.

AUTOMOBILE HIGHWAY.

Constructed From Spartanburg, S. C., to Asheville, N. C.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 14.—The completion of the first link of an automobile road destined to connect Spartanburg with Asheville by way of Tryon, Saluda and Hendersonville, N. C., was celebrated today at Tryon by good roads advocates representing North and South Carolina. The road now open extends from this city to Tryon, a distance of 50 miles. The extension on to Saluda through the mountains is under way. More than 200 persons attended the meeting.

THE MOROCCAN CRISIS

Ambassadors Hear Contribution to German-British Debate at Paris

Paris, Dec. 1.—The German, British, Russian and Spanish ambassadors were present in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon when Foreign Minister DeSelves, before a crowded house, delivered France's contriouution to the German-British debate, and made some additions to the revelations concerning the Moroccan crisis

Among other things M. DeSelves said that Germany at the outset of the crisis had asserted she would not accept or abide by a new Algeciras conference, as a means of settling the Moroccan question.

The discussion drew an interpellation by the Count DeMun, and other conservatives, who wish to postpone ratification of the Franco-German accord in regard to Morocco until negotiations now going on with Spain are concluded.

Count DeMun condemned sacrifice to a rival power of part of a French colony equalling in extent two-thirds of France and conquered by the spilling of French blood. He condemned the making of secret treaties as a method of diplomacy and wanted to know where France had been heading since forty years. The world, he said, had not seen Europe in a more menacing condition. He hoped that France did not dream of a dangerous Europe involving the substituting of the friendship of England by the friendship of other powers.

M. DeSelves in opposing the motion to postpone ratification of the Franco-German agreement, traced the negotiation between France and Germany since the beginning of the crisis. He admitted that there had been a moment of tension due to the excessive demands of Germany.

Reasonable negotiations ensued upor this and M. DeSelves denied that Germany had become irritable and tried to start a conflict. On the contrary her attitude had been conciliatory. French interests had been constantly guarded while the dignity and calm of public opinion in France had revealed the force of French patriotism.

M. DeSelves then defended the Franco-German accord, saying that the world, realizing that France had emerged from the negotiation far from being worsted. However, he said the chief advantagement of the agreement is that it frees foreign politics from the main question which has been a permanent source of conflict. "This advantage is not a small one at an hour when the external political situation demands particular attention," he added. "We have no intention of abandoning our friends or our alliances. On the other hand we shall bind them closer."

In conclusion, he said that negotiations with Spain had been taken up in a friendly spirit.

Count DeMun's motion was defeated by 448 to 98.

CIVIC REFORM LEAGUE

Annual Meeting at Philadelphia---Discuss Political Vote-Getting

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 14.—That the "bone-hunting" and "coal hod" politics of Tammany Hall and the Philadelphia Republican "machine" are not good vote-getters when opposed by the politics of ideas, was declared by Assistant Attorney Winfrid T. Denison, of Washington, in a speech before the National Civic Reform League which opened its annual meeting here today. He cited the success of Hughes, Cleveland, Bryan, Roosevelt, LaFollette, Stimson, Hearst and others in getting large votes without the use of patronage.

The campaign to place all Federal employes under civil service regulations and take them entirely out of politics was urged both by the report of the executive council, delivered by Chairman Richard H. Dana, of Boston, and in the address of Charles W. Eliot, the president of the league, who is sick in Ceylon, which was read at tonight's session.

President Eliot points out that while 230 places are now in the competitive classified service there are more than one thousand better paid places still filled by the patronage method. He said: 'Under existing conditions office holders, National, State or municipal, control party organizations and committee on credentials on resolutions, dominate conventions, cut and dry primary elections, and take care in good season of the membership of Legislatures. The Federal office holders' machine, particularly active in the Southern States is organized in Washington and more than once a cabinet officer has been the real head of it. It may easily hold the balance of power in the National Convention of the party in office, and so control both the nominations and declarations of policy. State and city conventions often exhibit like phenomena."

THE WATKINS CASE

Delay in Reaching Supreme Court From Asheville

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 14.—The case of F. C. Watkins, the former Black Mountain constable, convicted of manslaughter on a charge of killing John Hill Bunting, of Wilmington, at the Gladstone Hotel in Black Mountain, over two years ago, will not be before the Supreme Court on appeal before next May, according to a lawyer here from the western section of the State. It seems that after Watkins was convicted he was given the option of accepting 12 months on the roads without appeal or, if he appealed the sentence was 18 months. He declined to accept 12 months on the gang and appeal was taken. When the appeal was taken counsel for the defendant, Locke Craig, of Asheville, filed counter charges in the case and these points have yet to be passed upon by Judge Webb, the trial judge before the case reaches the Supreme Court. The killing of John Hill Bunting, a prominent traveling salesman, and the wounding of Paul Cameron Collins, of Hillsboro, by Watkins, created Statewide interest by reason of the prominence of the men involved and the two great legal battles when Watkins was brought to trial, the first ending in a mistrial and the second in a conviction of manslaughter.

London, Eng., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Arthur Stannard, the novelist, who was known by her pen name of "John Strange Winter, died today. She had been confined to her bed for the past five months as the result of an accident while stepping out of an elevator.

WRECKED STEAMER DELHI.

All Passengers Landed — Breeches Buoy in Operation All Day.

Tangier, Dec. 14.—All the passengers of the wrecked steamer Delhi have now been landed. Only one of the passengers was injured in the difficult task of rescue, he having a leg broken.

Three lascars, members of the Delhi's crew, were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

The breeches buoy was in operation all of today, with Rear Admiral Craddock up to his waist in water, directing the rescue work. Progress has been slow and unless the sea moderates, permitting the use of the boats, a large number of the crew will be obliged to remain aboard the wreck, which is beginning to fill rapidly.

THE MINE DISASTER.

No Bodies Brought Out Yesterday—Fire in the Mine.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Not a single miner living or dead was brought out of the Cross Mountain mine today, and tonight the list stands at five rescued and five dead. The fire burned briskly all today in cross entires and to the task of extinguishing it the rescue men devoted their entire time. Explorers in the mine have located eight or nine more dead bodies and these may be brought out tonight.

It was learned today that the widow of John Duff, whose body was recovered last night, is a niece of Bishop James Atkins, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Duff's body was taken to Maryville today for interment.

SHOE MAKING TRUST.

Subpoenas Have Been Served on Individual Defendants.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Deputy United States Marshal Ruhl today completed serving subpoenas on the 23 individuals and 20 defendant companies named in the bill of equity filed in the United States District Court Tuesday by the government asking for the dissolution of the United Shoe Machinery Company. The deputy called at the headquarters of the shoe machinery combine just as the officers and directors were in the midst of a discussion of the bill brought by the government. President Winslow, of the company, willingly accepted service in behalf of 14 of the defendant corporations, of which he is president.

ENDS IN MISTRIAL.

Dr. Hyde's Third Trial Will Commence in January.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—The second hearing of Dr. D. Clark Hyde on a charge of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope ended in a mistrial today. Harry W. Waldron, the juror who escaped from the custody of a deputy marshal last Monday and returned home today, was found insane by Judge Porterfield and all of the jury was discharged. Waldron was not punished and was permitted to go home.

Dr. Hyde's third trial was set for January 2nd, 1912. It is generally understood that the State will ask for a continuance of the case at that time.

Havana, Dec. 14.—Baseball: Cubans 7; New York Nationals 4.

Masonic Temple, Dec. 15, 1911.
WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 319, A., F. & A. M.

Emergent communication this (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring the F. C. Degree. You are expected to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

By order of the W. M.
de15-1t THOS. F. RAGLEY, Sec.

CAPTURES ANOTHER MILL.

Half Million Dollar Cotton Enterprise at Charlotte, N. C.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 14.—A new cotton mill to make fine specialty cloth is definitely assured for Carlotte, work to be started soon after the first of the new year. The site has not been determined upon, but several are under consideration, and it is understood that a charter will be applied for in a few days. This mill will consist of 25,000 spindles and 500 looms, and will be capitalized at $500,000. The men behind the enterprise are all experienced business men, and sufficient capital to make this project a certainty has already been subscribed.

Colon, Dec. 14.—William J. Bryan left here today on his homeward journey by way of Jamaica.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Academy—Passion Play.
J. W. Brooks—Holiday Goods.
Wilmington Lodge, No. 319, A., F. & A. M.—Emergent Communication.

Business Locals.

H. F. Wilder—For Sale.
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For Rent—Furnished Room.
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Cathedral Sewing Circle—Christmas Sale.

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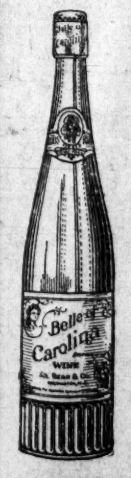

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